

LET'S TALK!

Work in pairs. Look at the things below and answer the questions:

Which things do you do? How often do you do them? Which things does someone else do for you?



cut hair

dye your hair

do the nails

wash the dishes

plan a party

apply makeup

walk a dog

book a flight

do the cleaning

take photos

test your eyes

recycle waste

do the laundry

cook meals

check your teeth

fix a computer

redecorate your house

groom your pet



DO IT YOURSELF OR HIRE A PROFESSIONAL?

Quickly read the four opinions about doing tasks yourself versus having them done by professionals.

After reading, pair up with a partner and discuss which opinion you relate to the most and why.



I prefer to do things myself because it's cheaper and I learn new skills. For example, last month, I painted my room by myself instead of having it painted. It was a bit hard, but I managed. However, when I needed to fix the plumbing, I had to have a plumber do it. I believe in trying, but sometimes you need a professional.

Emily



I think there's a time for DIY and a time to hire experts. I enjoy gardening, so I always do that myself. But for electrical issues, I always have an electrician take care of them. Last year, I tried to install a new light fixture and ended up having to call a professional anyway. It's about knowing your limits.

Mia



I always choose professionals for important tasks. For instance, I recently had my car brakes fixed by a mechanic. I could never do that myself! And for my sister's wedding, we had the food catered. It was expensive, but the quality was worth it. I believe in having things done by those who know best.

David



For me, saving time is crucial. I'm busy with work, so I often have meals delivered instead of cooking. Last week, I even had my groceries delivered. But there are things I like to do myself, like basic car maintenance. I change the oil myself, but for more complex issues, I have the car serviced at the garage. It's about balancing time and effort.

Alex

DO IT YOURSELF OR HIRE A PROFESSIONAL?

1. Look at the sentences from the previous task and decide if those actions are done by people themselves (T) or by someone else (S).

- _____ 1. I painted my room.
- _____ 2. I recently had my car brakes fixed.
- _____ 3. We had the food catered for my sister's wedding.
- _____ 4. I tried to install a new light fixture.
- _____ 5. I'm busy with work, so I often have meals delivered.
- _____ 6. I change the oil.
- _____ 7. I have the car serviced at the garage.

For the actions in the sentences that were done by someone else, determine if they were done for free or if they were paid services. _____

2. Look at the sentences from Exercise 1 and unscramble the formula for actions done by someone else who you paid. Write it below.

object

V3/past participle

have

Subject



3. Now, take the sentence '*I often have meals delivered*' and change it into different tenses.

1. Past Simple: I _____ last night.
2. Present Continuous: I _____ right now.
3. Future Simple: I _____ tomorrow.
4. Present Perfect: I _____ several times this month.
5. Past Perfect: I _____ by the time they arrived.

LET'S PRACTISE!

1. We need to _____ (the living room/paint) before the party.
2. She _____ (her laptop/repair) because it stopped working.
3. They _____ (their wedding photos/take) next month.
They have planned a very special photoshoot.
4. I _____ (never/sushi/deliver); I always eat at the restaurant.
5. He _____ (his suit/dry-clean) for the interview yesterday.
6. We _____ (the garden/landscape) by a professional soon.
7. We _____ (the roof/check) after the storm last night.



LET'S PRACTISE!

The Browns have inherited an old house. After a year of renovations and many hours of work by different specialists, it now looks great. Work in pairs and name the things they've changed. Use the structure 'have + object + V3/past participle'.



the grass / mown

worn-out paint / refresh

overgrown grass / trim

old roof / replace

colorful flowers / plant

murky pool / clean

creaky porch stairs / replace

hanging basket with flowers / install