

## have/ get + object + past participle

### USES

- ★ The subject does not do the action; someone else (who is usually paid) does the action for the subject.
- ★ Something unpleasant happened to the subject (**have** is more common)
- ★ The subject completes an action rather than leaving it in the middle or until later (**get** is more common).
- ★ **by + agent** can be added to the end of the sentence to say who is doing/ does/ did the action.

### EXAMPLES

- He has arranged for a decorator to paint his house. ⇒ He **has had his house painted.** (He hasn't done it himself- a decorator has.)
- We **had our house broken into** last month.
- You **must get this job done** today.
- Dad **had the washing machine repaired by a friend of his.**

## other causative patterns

These patterns can also be used to say who is doing/ does/ did the action.

### have + agent + infinitive



I **had my son make** a copy of the CD for me.

### get + agent + to infinitive



He **got his friend to teach** him how to drive.

# Let's practise

## A. Rewrite the sentences using THE CAUSATIVE FORM (have/ get something done).



1. We will have to arrange for a plumber to fix the dripping tap.



2. The local newspaper didn't publish his article.



3. Her sister dyes her hair once a month.



4. My cousin repaired my laptop last week.



5. They are going to develop our photographs next week.



6. Do they deliver your shopping to your house?



7. A chef used to cook her meals.



8. Have you asked an artist to paint your portrait?



9. She needs to arrange for the dressmaker to shorten her dress.



10. The dentist is filling Nick's tooth at the moment.



11. They didn't deliver our furniture yesterday.



12. The hairdresser will do her hair for the party.



13. Is a company going to clean your carpets?



14. When did a photographer last take a photo of you?



15. The cleaner hadn't cleaned their windows.



## B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



1. We are thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ caterers \_\_\_\_\_ the food for the party. (have - prepare)



2. My parents have decided \_\_\_\_\_ apple trees \_\_\_\_\_ in our garden. (have - plant)



3. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ my sister \_\_\_\_\_ my essay before I hand it in. (get - check)



4. This time tomorrow, dad \_\_\_\_\_ the car \_\_\_\_\_. (get - repair)



5. Sheila is so busy that she \_\_\_\_\_ her husband \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping. (always have - do)



6. Because he was bored, he \_\_\_\_\_ his brother \_\_\_\_\_ the dog. (get - walk)



7. My best friend, who is getting married next week, \_\_\_\_\_ her wedding dress \_\_\_\_\_ by a well-known designer. (have - make)



8. Nick \_\_\_\_\_ his leg \_\_\_\_\_ on tomorrow. (have - operate)



9. I had to finish my homework so I \_\_\_\_\_ my sister \_\_\_\_\_ our bedroom. (get - clean)



10. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ the secretary \_\_\_\_\_ a room for him. (have - book)

