

FCE – The Causative

Read the information about the causative and fill in the gaps / choose the correct answer.

The **causative** is used in situations in which **you don't do the action yourself**,
but **other people do it to your benefit**.

e.g.: I **had** my nails **painted** last week.

I'm **having** my eyes **checked** tomorrow.

Rule: HAVE* + SOMETHING + VB - FORM

* where **have** can change to any tense.

Present Simple	The lady at the salon dyes my hair every month.	I my hair at the salon every month.
Present Continuous	The barber is cutting Sam's hair right now.	Sam his hair right now.
Past Simple	The cleaning lady tidied Kim's flat last week.	Kim her flat last week.
Present Perfect	A decorator has painted Tim's house.	Tim his house by a decorator.
Future Will	The gardener will mow Paul's lawn tomorrow.	Paul his lawn mown / mowed tomorrow.
Be Going To	A glazier is going to change Lisa's windows.	Lisa to her windows .

Keep in mind:

1) When we use the causative, it's usually **necessary / not necessary** to say who's doing the action because it's obvious or self-explanatory.

e.g.: I **had** my light bulbs **replaced** (by an electrician).

2) We can replace **have** with **get**, but it's more informal.

e.g.: I usually **have** / my car washed at the weekend.

3) We can use the causative with **a person**, but **the rule is different for have and get**.

HAVE + PERSON + SHORT INFINITIVE (without to): She had the maid her room. (*clean*)

GET + PERSON + LONG INFINITIVE (with to): She got the maid her room. (*clean*)

4) **Make** and **let** can be used with a causative meaning.

e.g.: The film really me laugh.

She never her husband drive.