

ACTIVITY 2

How practical are you?

Causatives get/have/make

Household jobs VOCABULARY 10.1

- 1** Clare is showing a friend round her new house. Complete her sentences with verbs and nouns from the boxes.

VERBS

replaced serviced dry-cleaned
redecorated put in cut replacing
put up repaired checked

NOUNS

boiler central-heating rugs
leaks bedroom burglar alarm
grass wall roof locks

- 1 The flat's lovely and warm. The boiler was replaced recently and apparently they serviced the central heating at the same time.
- 2 I don't think we'll need to _____ a _____. There is very little crime in this area.
- 3 But we are _____ the _____ on the doors and windows. They're very old.
- 4 This _____ was recently _____ so it looks fine. But we're going to paint the children's room in a lighter colour.
- 5 We _____ the _____ last week and the garden looks so much better now.
- 6 The last family here _____ this _____ between the kitchen and the dining room. I think we're going to take it out again and make a large kitchen that we can eat in.
- 7 The _____ was _____ recently after it was damaged in a storm. During the rain last week we _____ carefully for _____. But there don't seem to be any.
- 8 The _____ are being _____ at the moment, so the floors look a little bare.

have/get something done, get someone to do something, do something yourself GRAMMAR 10.1

- 2** Tick (✓) the correct choice.



If you watch British TV, you might think the UK is obsessed by DIY. However, a recent survey revealed that just over a half of people under 35 can put up bookshelves ¹ _____. Instead they usually get their dads ² _____ it for them. And when they can't get something ³ _____ for nothing, the under-35s pay for it. On average they spend over £2,000 a year on ⁴ _____ jobs done for them. One problem is time. Mark, 27, says, "I work all week, so weekends are my free time. I'd rather pay a decorator than paint my flat ⁵ _____."

A second issue is confidence. Gina, 24, confesses, "My husband and I tried to ⁶ _____ some leaking taps ourselves a few years back. We ended up flooding the bathroom and had ⁷ _____ a plumber to come round on a Sunday!"

Gina also admits to not doing some jobs now because of the cost. "The last time we had our boiler ⁸ _____, we paid £500 for various 'problems' the engineer found. We're not getting it ⁹ _____ again until it stops working!"

Modern electronic items are often difficult to repair ¹⁰ _____. And the cost of repairs reveals another growing trend. Mark tells us, "When my old laptop stopped working, I went to a shop to ¹¹ _____ it repaired. But the estimate was almost as much as the cost of a new laptop, so I just bought a new one!"

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| 1 a themselves | b himself | c itself |
| 2 a do | b to do | c done |
| 3 a do | b to do | c done |
| 4 a to have | b have | c having |
| 5 a myself | b herself | c himself |
| 6 a have | b get | c repair |
| 7 a to have | b to get | c got |
| 8 a serviced | b service | c to service |
| 9 a do | b did | c done |
| 10 a yourself | b itself | c myself |
| 11 a got | b have | c had |

- 3** Martha is practical, but Roger isn't practical at all.
Complete the sentences about Martha or Roger.



- 1 a Martha is decorating her flat herself.
b Roger is *having his flat decorated* by professionals.
- 2 a Martha put a burglar alarm in herself.
b Roger _____ for him.
- 3 a Martha _____ herself.
b Roger is going to have some shelves put up for him.
- 4 a Martha serviced her car herself.
b Roger _____ at a garage.
- 5 a Martha _____ herself.
b Roger has had a leak in his bathroom fixed for him.
- 6 a Martha _____ herself.
b Roger has the grass cut by a gardener.