

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

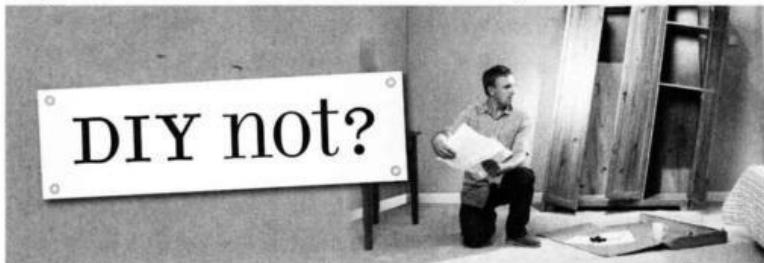
NOUNS

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 bookshelves¹ . Instead they usually get their dads² it for them. And when they can't get something³ for nothing, the under-35s pay for it. On average they spend over £2,000 a year on⁴ 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 flat⁵ ."

A second issue is confidence. Gina, 24, confesses, "My husband and I tried to⁶ some leaking taps ourselves a few years back. We ended up flooding the bathroom and had⁷ 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 boiler⁸ , we paid £500 for various 'problems' the engineer found. We're not getting it⁹ again until it stops working!"

Modern electronic items are often difficult to repair¹⁰ . And the cost of repairs reveals another growing trend. Mark tells us, "When my old laptop stopped working, I went to a shop to¹¹ 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.