

Video:

The Causative

- We use **have + object + past participle** to say that we have arranged for someone to do something for us. *Mary **had her hair dyed**.* (She didn't dye it herself.)
- Questions and negations in the causative are formed with **do/does** (present simple) or **did** (past simple) + **have + object + past participle**.

*Did he **have** his mail **delivered** yesterday?*

We use the causative to say that we have arranged for someone to do something for us or when something is done to us. Compare:



Tom is installing a burglar alarm.



Tom is having a burglar alarm installed.

	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
PRESENT SIMPLE	He fixes his car.	He has his car fixed .
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	He is fixing his car.	He is having his car fixed .
PAST SIMPLE	He fixed his car.	He had his car fixed .
PAST CONTINUOUS	He was fixing his car.	He was having his car fixed .
PRESENT PERFECT	He has fixed his car.	He has had his car fixed .
PAST PERFECT	He had fixed his car.	He had had his car fixed .
FUTURE SIMPLE	He will fix his car.	He will have his car fixed .

5 Complete the following exchanges using the *causative*. **CHECK** ...

- 1 A: Greta looks very pretty today.
B: Yes, she (her hair/do) yesterday. ...
- 2 A: Catherine is spending a lot of money on wedding.
B: I know. She (her dress/make) by a famous designer. ...
- 3 A: My washing machine is acting up again.
B: You should call someone and (it/repair). ...
- 4 A: The team did really well winning the championship.
B: Yes. They (their picture/take) for the local paper at the moment. ...
- 5 A: Why is Harry so upset?
B: He (his wallet/steal) on the way to work. ...
- 6 A: When are they coming to sort the air conditioning?
B: We (the system/service) next week. ...
- 7 A: Did you see the story about the computer hackers on the news?
B: Yes, the government (their system/break into). ...
- 8 A: What was Caroline doing when you called her? ...
B: She (her nails/do). ...
- 9 A: What's wrong?
B: Someone broke into my house, so I (a burglar alarm/install). ...
- 10 A: Is this your new sofa?
B: Yes, I (it/deliver) at the weekend. ...

6 Read the situations and write sentences using the *causative*. **CHECK** ...

- 1 They are painting my parents house. What are my parents doing?
My
- 2 Lance has arranged for his car to be repaired next week. What will Lance do?
Lance next week. ...
- 3 The thief stole Edith's car. What happened to Edith?
Edith
- 4 When Sally arrived, the electrician was fitting security lights outside her house. What was Sally doing?
Sally outside her house. ...
- 5 Bob has arranged for all his calls to be forwarded to his mobile while he is overseas. What has Bob done?
Bob while he is overseas. ...