

THE CAUSATIVE

LEVEL : Intermediate

1 Write the person or the business that does the action next to each sentence.

a builder • a decorator • a dry cleaner's
a hairdresser • a gardener • an optician

- 1 I've had my eyes tested recently. _____
- 2 They are having a lemon tree planted in their garden. _____
- 3 My mum is going to get our roof mended. _____
- 4 Susan had her hair cut last week. _____
- 5 We're having our flat painted at the moment. _____
- 6 I'll get this suit cleaned first thing tomorrow. _____

2 Each of the sentences contains a mistake with the causative form. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1 We are having installed a bottle bank in my town.

- 2 Sheila has had her bike service.

- 3 Have you have your hair cut?

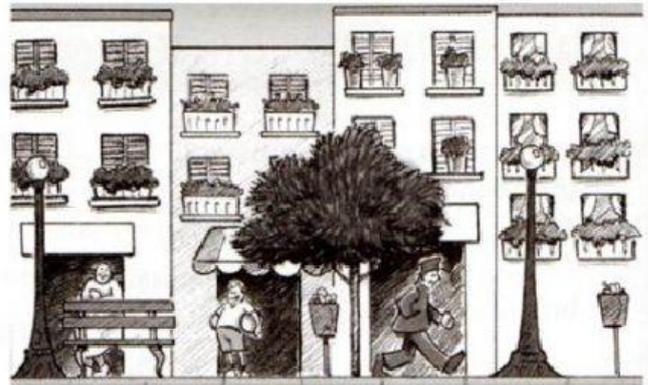
- 4 They're going to get these trees are cut down to build the new motorway.

- 5 Do you usually have clean your house or do you do it yourself?

3 Look at the two pictures and write what the local council have had done.

Example: They have had the street pedestrianised.

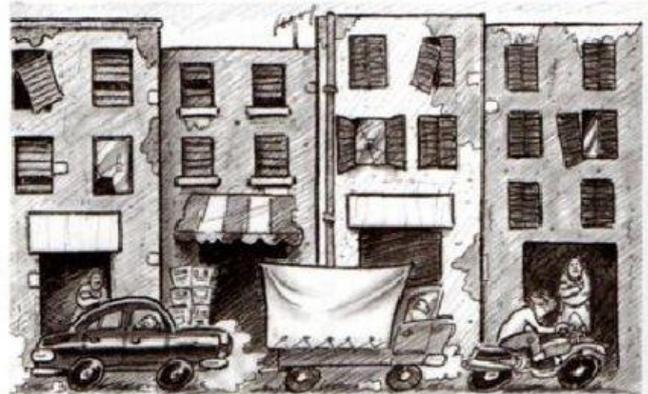
- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____



Now write three sentences about now, the future and generally using your imagination.

Example: They're going to have the buildings painted every year.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____



4 Complete the text using the correct causative form of the verb in brackets.

Environmental Awareness

Nowadays, everyone is worried about the environment and we all need to do our bit to make the world a better place. So here are some ideas that you can use to help ensure a better future for us all.

When was the last time your family (1) _____ (their car/service)? Did you know that not only will it help make your car more efficient and save you money but it will also reduce air pollution. You should also (2) _____ (your water heater/check) because it wastes energy if it doesn't work properly. You might need to (3) _____ (it/repair) by a technician, but it will be worth it.

At the moment, I (4) _____ (solar panels/instal) to heat the water in our house. It's expensive to do, but it will save money and energy in the end. There's another simple thing I have done recently: I (5) _____ (my lights/replace) with energy-saving ones. And next week, I (6) _____ (my house/redecorate) and the decorator is going to use only environmentally-friendly paint.

Isn't it easy to protect the environment when you know how?