

## Have something done

Study this example situation:



The roof of Lisa's house was damaged in a storm. Yesterday a workman came and repaired it.

Lisa had the roof repaired yesterday.

This means: Lisa arranged for somebody else to repair the roof. She didn't repair it herself.

We use **have something done** to say that we arrange for somebody else to do something for us. Compare:

- ☐ Lisa **repaired** the roof. (= she repaired it herself)
- ☐ Lisa **had** the roof **repaired**. (= she arranged for somebody else to repair it)
- ☐ 'Did you **make** those curtains yourself?' 'Yes, I enjoy making things.'
- ☐ 'Did you **have** those curtains **made**?' 'No, I made them myself.'

Be careful with word order. The *past participle* (repaired/cut etc.) is after the *object*:

| have                               | object        | past participle        |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Lisa had                           | the roof      | repaired yesterday.    |
| Where did you have                 | your hair     | cut?                   |
| Your hair looks nice. Have you had | it            | cut?                   |
| Our neighbour has just had         | a garage      | built.                 |
| We are having                      | the house     | painted at the moment. |
| How often do you have              | your car      | serviced?              |
| I think you should have            | that coat     | cleaned.               |
| I don't like having                | my photograph | taken.                 |

### 1. Complete the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE in the correct form

- Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (his car / clean) yesterday
- It is going to be a very hot summer. We must \_\_\_\_\_ (air conditioning / put in)
- It's three years since we last \_\_\_\_\_ (the bedroom walls / paint)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (my computer / fix) at the moment
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ (your hair / cut)?
- She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / her passport photo / take) yet.
- Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (her food / deliver) to her house every day
- I ought to \_\_\_\_\_ (a new key / make) for the front door.
- If you want to wear earrings, why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ (your ears / pierce)?
- What are those workmen doing in your garden?  
Oh, we \_\_\_\_\_ (a garage / build)