

Causative Verbs

My parents make me do the dishes every night.	subject + make + person + infinitive
My brother let me use his car yesterday.	subject + let + person + infinitive
I had the plumber check the water pressure	subject + have + person + infinitive
I'll get my friend to cover my shift for me.	subject + get + person + to + infinitive
Sam helped me lift/to lift the heavy sofa.	subject + help + person + (to) + infinitive

A. Causative verbs are used to indicate that a person or thing causes something to happen. Referring to the examples above, match the causative verbs with their meanings.

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| 1. To give someone the responsibility to do something. | a. let |
| 2. To force someone to do something. | b. have |
| 3. To convince someone to do something. | c. get |
| 4. To assist someone in doing something. | d. make |
| 5. To allow someone to do something. | e. help |

B. Circle the correct Causative Verb in each sentence

1. I had / got the mechanic check my engine as it was making strange noises.
2. The teacher made / let me stay after school as a punishment for being late.
3. I got / had my sister to lend me money so I could go to the cinema.
4. My parents don't let / have me watch television during the week.
5. If you'd helped / got me clean the house, I would have finished sooner.

C. Complete the sentences using a suitable Causative Verb in the correct form.

1. Mum always me do my homework before I can watch TV.
2. I Dad check my essay to see if there were any spelling mistakes.
3. I the dog lick my plate after I had finished eating.
4. Can you me lift this piano? I don't think I can do it by myself.
5. I my brother to give me a lift as I didn't feel like walking