

# Causative Form (Have something done)

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



We use **have + object + past participle** to say that we arrange for someone else to do something for us. *Jim had the tap fixed. Jim arranged for the plumber to fix the tap. (He didn't do it himself – the plumber did it.)*

Present Simple	She <b>cleans</b> her house.	She <b>has</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Present Continuous	She <b>is cleaning</b> her house.	She <b>is having</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Past Simple	She <b>cleaned</b> her house.	She <b>had</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Past Continuous	She <b>was cleaning</b> her house.	She <b>was having</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Future Simple	She <b>will clean</b> her house.	She <b>will have</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Future Continuous	She <b>will be cleaning</b> her house.	She <b>will be having</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Present Perfect	She <b>had cleaned</b> her house.	She <b>has had</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Present Perfect Continuous	She <b>has been cleaning</b> her house.	She <b>has been having</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Past Perfect	She <b>had cleaned</b> her house.	She <b>had had</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Past Perfect Continuous	She <b>had been cleaning</b> her house.	She <b>had been having</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
Infinitive	She must <b>clean</b> her house.	She must <b>have</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .
-ing form	She likes <b>cleaning</b> her house.	She likes <b>having</b> her house <b>cleaned</b> .

The verb **have** used in the causative forms its negations and questions with **do/does** (present simple) and **did** (past simple). *Don't have this letter posted yet! Did you have your hair cut?*

**Get** can be used instead of **have** in spoken English.

*You should **get** your jacket washed. (= You should **have** your jacket washed.)*

**Have + object + past participle** can be used instead to indicate that somebody experienced usually an accident or misfortune.

*She **had** her bag stolen. (Her bag was stolen.)*

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- 1 Bill Smith does everything himself. Lord Hornby pays other people to do it. Write what Lord Hornby says.



- 1 I painted my house last week.
- 2 I'm mending my car.
- 3 I've put in new windows.
- 4 I'll build a swimming pool next year.
- 5 I clean my shoes every day.
- 6 I wash my car once a week.
- 7 I'm installing a new shower next month.
- 8 I check my son's homework every night.



- 1 *I had my house painted last week.....*
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....

- 2 Look at the shops. Use the ideas to make sentences as in the example:

• car / fix • ~~shoes / repair~~ • hair / cut • flat / decorate • suits / clean • front door camera / install

1 The Shoe Experts  
We can fix any pair!

2 **ADLER AND SONS**  
Painters & decorators  
Always at your service

3 **BTA Home Security**  
Cameras, alarms and  
outdoor lighting

4 Todd's Barber Shop  
Men's hair styling at  
low cost

5 **Erwin's 24 hr Dry-Cleaning**  
For all your cleaning needs

6 **TRUE MECHANIC**  
Leave your car to  
the professionals!

- 1 *I will have my shoes repaired by them / there.*

- 3 Something bad happened to each of these people yesterday. Write sentences about what happened to them. Use the *causative* form.

- 1 Ted (**his car/damage**) by a falling tree.  
...*Ted had his car damaged by a falling tree.*...
- 2 Martha (**her bicycle/steal**) from outside her school.  
.....
- 3 Rick (**his house/break into**) by a burglar.  
.....
- 4 Gary (**his window/smash**) by a ball.  
.....
- 5 Todd (**his CD player/break**) by his little brother.  
.....

## 4 Match the columns and put the verbs into the causative form.

1 ☐ C Are you hiring a caterer?

2 ☐ Have you seen Bill?

3 ☐ Have you called the plumber yet?

4 ☐ My coat is so dirty!

5 ☐ Where's Mum?

6 ☐ Can I see your holiday photos, Mandy?

7 ☐ Did you hear what happened to Sue?

8 ☐ Why are you so upset, Tom?

a I'm afraid I .....  
..... (the film/not develop) yet.

b At the hairdresser's. She .....  
..... (her hair/do).

c Definitely. I *'m having the food prepared.*  
(food/prepare) by Jack's Bistro.

d I ..... (the  
satellite dish/put up) when it started raining.

e Of course. We .....  
..... (taps/fix) this afternoon.

f I think you should .....  
..... (it/clean).

g He's at Sam's garage. He .....  
..... (his motorbike/repair).

h Yes. She .....  
..... (her bag/steal) yesterday.

## 5 Complete the following conversation using the causative form.

Tonia: So Rodney, is your new house ready yet?

Rodney: Not yet, Tonia. There are still a few things left.

Tonia: What have you done so far?

Rodney: On Monday I 1) *had the windows put in*... (windows/put in) and yesterday I  
2) ..... (my new appliances/install).

Tonia: Sounds like you've been really busy.

Rodney: Yes. And today, the painters are coming. I 3) ..... (walls/paint).

Tonia: I'm sure it's going to look really nice. 4) ..... (the plumbing/fix) yet?

Rodney: Yes, that's done.

Tonia: What about the garden?

Rodney: Right now, I 5) ..... (several trees/plant). As soon as that's done, I  
6) ..... (fence/build).

Tonia: I bet you can't wait to move in.

Rodney: Oh yes! Once the builders have finished, I 7) ..... (the house/clean).  
Then I'll be able to move in.

Tonia: Great! If you need any help unpacking, let me know.

Rodney: Thanks, Tonia.

6 Read the situations, then write sentences using the *causative* form.

- 1 Mary took her blouse to the cleaner's. What did she do?  
..... *She had her blouse cleaned.* .....
- 2 My watch is broken. What should I do?  
.....
- 3 Michael is at the hairdresser's because he needs a haircut. What is he doing?  
.....
- 4 A dressmaker has made a dress for Sue. What has Sue done?  
.....
- 5 His milk is delivered every morning. What does he do?  
.....
- 6 Sarah's has written a new book. She wants to publish it. What will she do?  
.....



## Speaking Activity

(talking about arranging for things to be done by others)

Julie has just had her house renovated. Look at the pictures and use the phrases to make sentences. Tell your partner.

• roses / plant • front gate / repair • fountain / put in • roof / fix • house / repaint • grass / cut

Picture A



before

Picture B



after

A: In picture A Julie is having roses planted.  
In picture B Julie has had roses planted, etc.



## Writing Activity

Complete the email that Julie has started writing to her friend about her house. Use your answers from the Speaking Activity.

Dear Lucy,

How are you? I'm writing to tell you about the house. It looks amazing now! Well, most of the work has already been done. I have .....