8.4 Grammar

have/get something done



1 Look at the photo. What do you think Abe and Eren are doing?

2 40 8.10 Watch or listen and check your ideas from Exercise 1. Why does Carla's character in the film change her look?

VIDEO **A NEW LOOK**

Abe They're the photos for the poster for our film.
Eren: Wow! They're great. Is that Carla?
Abe: Yes.
Eren: So, who's that?
Abe: It's Carla too!
Eren: No way!
Abe: Yes, she wore a wig and make-up. In the film she's accused of a crime she didn't commit and she's on the run from the police. So, she changes her look. She gets her hair cut short. She has it dyed blonde. She has her eyebrows shaped and then she gets her fingernails and her make-up done.
Eren: How come her eyes have changed colour?
Abe: She put in coloured contact lenses.
Eren: She's so different! She looks like a rock star!
Abe: OK, I'm ready. Let's go to the park.
Eren: I've changed my mind. Let's go to the centre.
Abe: Why?
Eren: I want to change my look, to get my hair cut.

3 Do you like to change your appearance? What do you usually change – your hairstyle or your clothes?

4 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of *have/get something done* in the dialogue.

GRAMMAR *have/get something done*

She has her eyebrows shaped.
I want to get my hair cut.
Are you going to get your hair dyed?

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WATCH OUT!

We use possessive adjectives (*my, your, his, her,* etc.) to talk about body parts.
*I got **my** hair cut.* NOT ~~*I got the hair cut.*~~

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5 Match the sentence halves.

1 ☐ The burglar broke the window
2 ☐ He took a photo of the suspect
3 ☐ If you put money in your back pocket,
4 ☐ Your crime drawings are so good
5 ☐ It would be a good idea
6 ☐ After she got out of prison,

a you'll get it stolen.
b she had her name changed.
c you should have them published.
d to get a burglar alarm installed.
e so we had to get it fixed.
f and had it photocopied.

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have something done*.

1 I *had my hair cut* (my hair/cut) last week.
2 I _____ (my eyes/not test) for ages.
3 I _____ (already/my photo/print) in the local paper twice.
4 I don't want to _____ (my bike/steal), so I always lock it up.
5 I'd love to _____ (my bedroom/clean), but I have to do it myself.

YOUR WORLD

7 In pairs, say if the sentences in Exercise 6 are true for you. Correct the false sentences.

I didn't have my hair cut last week. I had it cut about a month ago.

LIVEWORKSHEETS