# HAVE/GET SOMETHING DONE



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## 1 Presentation

**Look at the situations below and study the explanation in the box.**



"I cut my hair every month."



"I have my hair cut every month."

**have/get something done ...**

We use the structure **have something done** when we arrange for somebody to do something for us. Here are a few more examples:

My car was dirty so I **had** it **washed**.

We didn't want to cook, so we **had** a pizza **delivered**.

My computer is working again. I managed to **have** it **fixed**.

In informal English, we can also use **get** instead of **have**.

My car was dirty so I **got** it **washed**.

We didn't want to cook, so we **got** a pizza **delivered**.

We can also use **have something done** when somebody does something bad to us:

James **had** his nose **broken** in a fight.


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**Dialogue**

**A:** Did you redecorate your room yourself?

**B:** No, I **had** it **painted.**

## 2 Practice 1

**Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.**

build check clean deliver repair shorten steal take

1. John's new jeans were too long, so he decided to have them _____ .
2. Peter had his car _____ yesterday. That's what happens when you leave the keys inside!
3. The windows are very dirty. You should get them _____ ..
4. After Harry became rich, he decided to have a large house _____ .
5. You will need to get your photo _____ for your new passport.
6. Joe is old-fashioned and romantic. He recently had some flowers _____ to his girlfriend.
7. I thought your watch was broken. When did you get it _____ ?
8. Paul keeps crashing his car. I think he needs to get his eyes _____ .

## 3 Practice 2

**Replace the phrase underlined with the structure 'have something done'.**

1. Joe looks different today. I think the hairdresser has cut his hair.
   I think he's had his hair cut.
2. I don't like the color of my walls. Somebody is going to repaint them for me.
   I'm going to .....
3. I didn't make the cake myself. Somebody baked it for me.
   .....
4. Your watch is broken. I know a shop where somebody can repair it for you.
   I know a shop where you can .....
5. Miguel hurt his arm while he was skiing. A doctor X-rayed it for him at the hospital.
   .....
6. Kate's dog had problems walking. A vet examined him for her.
   She .....
7. Paul didn't trust his wife at all. He decided to hire a detective to follow her.
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8. I've had trouble reading lately. An optician is going to test my eyes.
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## 4 Practice 3

**Now answer the following questions like in the example.**

1. Ania is at the hairdresser's. What is she doing? She's having her hair cut.
2. Their windows are no longer dirty. What have they done?
3. Paul's smartphone is working again. What has he done?
4. Kate always makes sure that she wears the correct contact lenses. What does she do?
5. Silvia doesn't trust her husband. She wants to find out where he is at all times. What is she going to do?
6. Joe wants to order a pizza but he doesn't want to leave his house to go to the restaurant and collect it. What can he do?
7. Their living room was green last week and now it's blue. What have they done?
8. After driving in the mud for an hour, George's car became very dirty. What is he doing?

## 5 Practice 4

**Watch the video and create a sentence about each clip using 'have something done'. Invent your own details like in the example and use any appropriate tenses. To access the video, scan the code with your mobile device.**

Video

1. The managers of the building are having the windows cleaned.
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....


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