

Listen to the recording about a smart home and choose the best answers.

1 Smart fridges...

- a) Tell you what you must eat.
- b) Can prepare your dinner.
- c) Can help to improve your diet.

2 Smart fridges can also....

- a) Say who has taken something from the fridge.
- b) Make it unnecessary for you to go to a food shop.
- c) Tell you which is the best and nearest food shop.

3 To control cameras, lights and heating in a smart home....

- a) You have to use a special mobile phone.
- b) You need to use a special remote control from inside the house.
- c) It doesn't matter where you are.

4 The first smart houses...

- a) Appeared a few years ago.
- b) Have just been built now.
- c) Will exist in a year or two in the future.

5 Soon vacuum cleaners...

- a) Will not just clean floors.
- b) Will be frightening in some ways.
- c) Will not need humans to operate them.

6 The expert, Jane, says that....

- a) She doesn't like making breakfast.
- b) Smart homes will make us lazy.
- c) We can do more when we live in smart homes.

Would you like to live in a smart home? Why/Why not?



Now watch the video where Dave is explaining the structure **HAVE SOMETHING DONE – causative.**

Here is a short summary of the grammar explained

HAVE (any tense) + OBJECT + PAST PARTICIPLE

I' m having my computer repaired.

You have all your food delivered to your house.

Bill Gates had a smart house built.

We use **have something done** to talk about things that are **done for us by other people**, usually professionals. We often pay them to do this action.

Get is sometimes used instead of have in informal or spoken language.

We can use the preposition **by** to introduce the agent – the person or thing which does the action

Now practice

Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE

Ex. They fixed our computer last week. We **had** our computer **fixed** last week.

(**keep the tense!** – there is past simple – so also the verb HAVE will be in past simple tense + past participle of the verb fix, which is fixed – computer – the object goes in between)

1.- Someone **has delivered** Miriam's newspaper this morning.

Miriam

2.- Someone **did** Alice's make-up at 13,30 pm.

Alice

3.- The photographer **had taken** George some photos.

George

4.- The mechanic **is changing** Peter's car battery.

Peter

5.- The hairdresser **died** my mother's hair last Saturday.

My mother's hair

6.-The dentist **checks** my teeth once a month.

I

7.- They **'re painting** the kitchen on Saturday.

We

8.- They **are going to** service my sister's car next week.

My sister

9.- Her parents **pay** her mobile phone bills.

She

10.-They **have reinstalled** the operating system on his computer.

He