

★ ALL STARS ★



EXTRA PRACTICE: CAUSATIVE VERBS

Have something done and get something done are both used to refer to actions which are done FOR the subject rather than BY the subject. Causative verbs are used instead of passive verbs to show that the subject causes the action to be done.

Have something done is slightly **more formal** than get something done.

Get is **more frequent** than have in the imperative form.

Tense matters:

The difference in when you got it done is determined by the verb tense you use:

- I'm getting my car repaired right now. (present continuous — in progress)
- I had my car repaired last week. (past simple — already done)
- I'll get my hair cut tomorrow. (future)

Rewrite the following sentences using have/get something done.

★ For Example:

Active Voice:

The dentist cleans my teeth twice a year.

Causative:

I have/get my teeth cleaned twice a year.

Active Voice:

The mechanic fixed my car last week.

Causative:

I had/got my car fixed last week.

1. The hairdresser cut Sarah's hair yesterday.

2. The dentist will remove his wisdom tooth next week.

3. The beauty salon is painting her nails now.

4. The optician tested my eyes last month.

5. The tailor is altering his suit.

6. The garage checks her car every month.

7. The beautician applied a facial mask on her face.

8. The vet vaccinated my dog last year.

9. He gave me a massage last weekend.

10. The mechanic will change the oil tomorrow.

Have and get are also used to refer to events which happened to someone, but were outside their control.

After being late for work every day for two weeks, I had my pay reduced.

I stood so close to the fire that I got my legs burnt.