

★ 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.