



The Causative - to have something done



We use the expression 'to have something done' (have + object + past participle) to say:

- That somebody does something **for you**. Usually they're things that are difficult to do yourself or you don't want to do yourself.
- That something **unpleasant** happened to somebody.

Questions and negations of the verb **have** are formed with **do/does** or **did**.

We can use the verb **get** instead of the verb have only in informal conversation.



Present simple	He paints the house	He has the house paint ed.
Present continuous	He is painting the house.	He is having the house paint ed.
Past simple	He paint ed the house.	He had the house paint ed.
Past continuous	He was painting the house.	He was having the house paint ed.
Future simple	He will paint the house.	He will have the house paint ed.
Future continuous	He will be painting the house.	He will be having the house paint ed.
Present perfect	He has paint ed the house.	He has had the house paint ed.
Present perfect continuous	He has been painting the house.	He has been having the house paint ed.
Past perfect	He had paint ed the house.	He had had the house paint ed.
Past perfect continuous	He had been painting the house.	He had been having the house paint ed.
Infinitive	He must paint the house.	He must have the house paint ed.
-ing form	It's worth painting the house.	It's worth having the house paint ed.



Put the following verbs into the sentences in the correct form.

- 1) I must get my luggageto the station.
- 2) He is going to have these lettersby air mail.
- 3) She wants to have the walls
- 4) We've just had the house.....
- 5) We must get the car
- 6) I'm having a garage at the moment.
- 7) How often do you have your hair.....?
- 8) Simon has just had a suit.....
- 9) You should have your eyes.....
- 10) I had the carpet.....

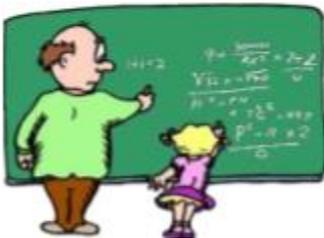
test decorate clean build
send paint make cut

PUT THE VERBS INTO THE CORRECT FORM

Put the following verbs into the sentences in the correct form.

- 1) I have my hair..... once a month.
- 2) My dad has his cartwice a year.
- 3) At the moment Dad is having his computer.....
- 4) We had new cupboards by the carpenter.
- 5) Paul had his bikeyesterday.
- 6) You must get your hairthis week.
- 7) Melanie is having her picture
- 8) Paul is having his tooth
- 9) She has all her clothesspecially for her.
- 10) They have had their house

Fill service take paint. make fix cut steal cut make



SOME EXERCISES



Write the correct tense in the gap.

- I.
- 1) I think he.....already ...his car serviced.
 - 2) At the moment my brotherhis car fixed.
 - 3) Hethe front door mended last year.
 - 4) At 3 o'clock yesterday hehis hair cut.
 - 5) Tomorrow he....the window cleaned.
 - 6) Shealreadyher shirts ironed.
 - 7) I.....my hair cut yesterday.
 - 8) Wethe house painted once a year.
 - 9) Imy hair cut tomorrow.
 - 10) Sheher skirt cleaned at the moment.
 - 11) Imy hair trimmed once a month.
 - 12) We're goingcentral heating installed in our house next month.
 - 13) Sama burglar alarm fitted last week.
 - 14) Imy car repaired at the moment.
 - 15) The bandjust.....their new single recorded
- 1) He is goinga new pair of glasses made.
 - 2) Timhis car taken to the garage tomorrow.
 - 3) Jimhis bag stolen last night.
 - 4) Paulhis jaw broken in a boxing match yesterday.
 - 5) Wethe new lock fitted next Monday.
 - 6) Emiher newspaper delivered every morning by her neighbour's son.
 - 7) The Smithstheir kitchen painted at the moment.
 - 8) Imy hair cut short last week because I needed a change.
 - 9) He....his car serviced by the mechanic next Tuesday.
 - 10) Sheher carpets fitted yesterday when I called.
 - 11) Ijust.....my picture taken by a professional photographer.
 - 12) Marksome apple trees planted in a week's time

Rewrite these sentences using 'to have something done'

- 1) They serviced Ken's car yesterday. - Ken.....
 - 2) They're repairing our roof at the moment. - We.....
 - 3) They're going to fit a stereo in my car. -I
 - 4) Someone cleans Sue's flat once a week. -Sue.....
 - 5) Has anyone tested your eyes recently? -Have you.....?
 - 6) Someone stole John's briefcase last week. -John.....
 - 7) Someone cleans her house. - She.....
 - 8) Someone cooks her meals. -She.....
 - 9) Someone washes her clothes. -She.....
 - 10) Somebody cleans her windows. -She.....
- 1) Somebody does her shopping. -She.....
 - 2) Somebody looks after her garden. -She.....
 - 3) Somebody posts her letters. -She.....
 - 4) Their windows need to be cleaned. -They need.....
 - 5) The hairdresser was styling Mrs Brown's hair. -Mrs Brown.....
 - 6) She told her son to carry the shopping to the house. -She.
 - 7) Dad is going to arrange for someone to cut the grass. -Dad is going.....
 - 8) They used to employ a cleaner who cleaned the house. -They used.....
 - 9) Did the mechanic repair Paul's motorbike? -Did Paul.....?
 - 10) Somebody serviced her car. -She.....