

## 4.11 Causative *have* and *get*

1 When we talk about **arranging for somebody to do something for us**, and we **do not** say **who** does the action, we use ***have/get* + object + past participle**.

Subject	<i>have/get</i>	Object	Past participle	
They	have	their shoes	polished	three times a week.
We	had	the shopping	delivered	last week.
I	am getting	my hair	cut	at the weekend.
You	haven't got	your car	repaired	yet I see.

2 We often use *get* + **object** + **past participle** in less formal situations.

3 We often use *have* + **object** + **past participle** when something **unwelcome** or **negative** happens to us.

1 He **had his new phone stolen** on the first day!

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**1** When we **arrange for somebody to do something for us**, and we **say who** does the action, we use two possible structures.

**2** We use *have* + someone + **infinitive without *to***

1 I've **had** the children **tidy** their rooms this morning.

2 He needs **to have** the doctor **look** at his throat before it gets worse.

**3** We use *get* + someone + **infinitive with *to***

1 He'd **never get** anyone **to wash** his car. He loves doing it himself!

2 Don't worry, I'll **get** someone **to bring** your coffee over for you.

## 4.11 Practicing Causative *have* and *get*

*Put the words in the correct order.*

1 weekend / he's / his / cut / getting / this / hair .

2 long / time / I / had / house / cleaned / haven't / in / a / my .

3 help / look / got / ever / you / your / have / anyone / to / after / mother ?

4 they / their / the / had / into / at / car / weekend / broken .

5 thesis / finally / my / I've / printed / had .

6 my / mended / trousers / can / you / too / please / get ?