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## Causative Verbs – Have / Get 2

The causative verbs in English are: **HAVE**, **GET**, **LET**, **MAKE**, and **HELP**. We use them to show that the subject caused the action to happen without actually doing it themselves. There are three structures with **HAVE** / **GET**. We often use them to talk about people who deliver **services**, e.g. a mechanic, a plumber, a dry-cleaner, etc. In each case using **get** is more informal:

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| 1. have / get + object + past participle<br>We do not know who did the action, or it is not important. The subject can take credit for something they do not do! | I had / got my tyres changed (by the mechanic). |  | TIP! have / get act as <b>state verbs</b> , so no continuous tenses, apart from present continuous for future |
| 2. have + person + infinitive + object<br>We say who did the action for us   | I had the mechanic change my tyres.             |   |   |
| 3. get + person + to + infinitive + object<br>We say who did the action for us   | I got the mechanic to change my tyres.          |   |   |

1. Write five sentences with **have / get + object + past participle** and the given tense:

Ex. *pa/sim* duvet      I had my duvet dry cleaned (by the dry cleaner) yesterday.

- a) *pr/sim* bouquets \_\_\_\_\_
- b) *pr/cont* hair \_\_\_\_\_
- c) *pa/sim* house \_\_\_\_\_
- d) *pa/cont* essay \_\_\_\_\_
- e) *fu/going to* sports injury \_\_\_\_\_

2. Write five sentences with **have + person + infinitive + object** and the given tense:

Ex. *pr/sim* refuse collector      Gerald often has refuse collectors take away large items of rubbish.

- f) *pr/perf* lawyer \_\_\_\_\_
- g) *modal verbs* tattooist \_\_\_\_\_
- h) *imperative form* window cleaner \_\_\_\_\_
- i) *1<sup>st</sup> cond* car wash guys \_\_\_\_\_
- j) *2<sup>nd</sup> cond* neighbour \_\_\_\_\_

3. Write five sentences with **get + person + to + infinitive + object** and the given tense:

Ex. *pa/perf* postman      They'd got the postman to deliver mail to her mum, instead of to me.

- k) *modal verbs* chiropodist \_\_\_\_\_
- l) *pa/perf* pizza place \_\_\_\_\_
- m) *3<sup>rd</sup> cond* travel agent \_\_\_\_\_
- n) *zero cond* Alan \_\_\_\_\_
- o) *fu/perf* beautician \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers will vary. Sample answers:

1. Write five sentences with **have / get + object + past participle** and the given tense:
  - a) **pr/sim** bouquets We always have our bouquets made professionally (by the florist).
  - b) **pr/cont** hair I'm having my hair cut (by the hairdresser) tomorrow morning.
  - c) **pa/sim** house We had our house valued (by the estate agent).
  - d) **pa/cont** essay Ivan was having his essay checked (by his tutor).
  - e) **fu/going to** sports injury I'm going to get my sports injury treated (by a physiotherapist).
  
2. Write five sentences with **have + person + infinitive + object** and the given tense:
  - f) **pr/perf** lawyer We have had lawyers consider his case on a number of occasions.
  - g) **modal verbs** tattooist I could have the tattooist create a floral pattern on your arm.
  - h) **imperative form** window cleaner Have the window cleaner do *all* the windows please!
  - i) **1<sup>st</sup> cond** car wash guys If I have the car wash guys clean my car, will it be worth paying £8?
  - j) **2<sup>nd</sup> cond** neighbour If I had my neighbour look after my parakeet I could go on holiday.
  
3. Write five sentences with **get + person + to + infinitive + object** and the given tense:
  - k) **modal verbs** chiropodist You should get the chiropodist to examine your feet.
  - l) **pa/perf** pizza place I'd got that pizza place to reserve a table for us at 8pm.
  - m) **3<sup>rd</sup> cond** travel agent If I'd got the travel agent to book the tickets, I would have saved time.
  - n) **zero cond** Alan If we get Alan to organise the meeting, it always goes wrong!
  - o) **fu/perf** beautician She *must* have got the beautician to paint her nails by now!