

Focus: Arranging services, Subject as arranger vs doer, have/get + object + past participle, Object placement, Verb tense variation, Service vocabulary.

1. GRAMMAR THEORY

The Causative: Have & Get

We use the causative structure when we do not do the action ourselves. Instead, we arrange for someone else (usually a professional) to do it for us.

Structure: Subject + HAVE/GET + Object + Past Participle (V3)

Subject	Causative Verb (Tense Change)	Object (Thing)	Past Participle (Action)
I	had (Past Simple)	my car	repaired.
She	is having (Pres. Cont.)	her hair	cut.
We	will get (Future)	the house	painted.

A. "Have" vs. "Get"

- Have something done:** The standard, neutral form for arranging services.
 - I had the roof fixed.* (I paid a worker to do it).
- Get something done:** More informal/colloquial. It can also imply convincing someone to do something or managing to finish a task.
 - I need to get my passport renewed.*

B. Subject as "Arranger" vs. "Doer"

- Active (Doer):** *I repaired the roof.* (I climbed up and did the work myself).
- Causative (Arranger):** *I had the roof repaired.* (I hired a professional to do it).

C. Word Order & Object Placement

The object **must** go between the verb *have/get* and the *past participle*.

- CORRECT:** *I had my watch repaired.*
- WRONG:** ~~*I had repaired my watch.*~~

D. Unpleasant Experiences (Passive Meaning)

We also use this structure when something bad happens to us (we didn't arrange it, but it happened to our possession).

- He had his wallet stolen on the bus.* (He didn't want this, but it happened).

E. Tense Variation

You must conjugate **have** or **get** to match the time of the sentence. The **Past Participle** never changes.

- Past:** *I didn't have the car washed.*
- Present Continuous:** *Are you having the kitchen cleaned?*
- Present Perfect:** *I haven't had my eyes tested yet.*

2. PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks

Instruction: Complete the sentences using the causative structure (**have** or **get** + **object** + **past participle**). Pay attention to the verb tense indicated by the time markers.

- Use **'have'** unless the sentence specifies (**get**).
- Be careful with **negatives** and **questions**.

1. I usually _____ (have / my teeth / clean) every six months.
2. Look at that mess! We _____ (must / have / the room / tidy) immediately.
3. _____ (you / have / your car / service) yet?
4. She _____ (not / have / her hair / cut) yesterday because the salon was closed.
5. We _____ (get / the roof / repair) at the moment.
6. When _____ (you / usually / have / the groceries / deliver)?
7. I _____ (not / get / the report / translate) last week; I did it myself.
8. He is very upset because he _____ (have / his bike / steal) from the park yesterday.
9. _____ (she / going to / have / her wedding dress / make) by a designer?
10. We _____ (should / get / the air conditioner / fix) before summer starts.
11. I _____ (not / have / the photos / print) yet. I will do it tomorrow.
12. Why _____ (you / have / the package / send) to your office yesterday?
13. They _____ (have / their house / paint) right now.
14. The celebrity _____ (not / have / her picture / take) by the paparazzi last night.
15. _____ (you / can / get / this coat / dry-clean) for me, please?

Answer Key

1. **have my teeth cleaned** (Present Simple for routine)
2. **must have the room tidied** (Modal 'must' + base form)
3. **Have you had your car serviced** (Present Perfect with 'yet')
4. **didn't have her hair cut** (Past Simple negative)
5. **are getting the roof repaired** (Present Continuous 'at the moment')
6. **do you usually have the groceries delivered** (Present Simple Question)
7. **didn't get the report translated** (Past Simple negative)
8. **had his bike stolen** (Past Simple - Unpleasant experience)
9. **Is she going to have her wedding dress made** (Future 'going to' Question)
10. **should get the air conditioner fixed** (Modal 'should' + base form)
11. **haven't had the photos printed** (Present Perfect negative)
12. **did you have the package sent** (Past Simple Question)
13. **are having their house painted** (Present Continuous 'right now')
14. **didn't have her picture taken** (Past Simple negative)
15. **Can you get this coat dry-cleaned** (Modal Question)