

## The Causative – to have something done (8<sup>th</sup> form)

- [ 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 <b>paints</b> the house	He <b>has the house painted</b> .
Present continuous	He <b>is painting</b> the house.	He <b>is having the house painted</b> .
Past simple	He <b>ainted</b> the house.	He <b>had the house painted</b> .
Past continuous	He <b>was painting</b> the house.	He <b>was having the house painted</b> .
Future simple	He <b>will paint</b> the house.	He <b>will have the house painted</b> .
Future continuous	He <b>will be painting</b> the house.	He <b>will be having the house painted</b> .
Present perfect	He <b>has painted</b> the house.	He <b>has had the house painted</b> .
Present perfect continuous	He <b>has been painting</b> the house.	He <b>has been having the house painted</b> .
Past perfect	He <b>had painted</b> the house.	He <b>had had the house painted</b> .
Past perfect continuous	He <b>had been painting</b> the house.	He <b>had been having the house painted</b> .
Infinitive	He <b>must paint</b> the house.	He <b>must have the house painted</b> .
-ing form	It's <b>worth painting</b> the house.	It's <b>worth having the house painted</b> .

### PRACTICE

#### **Test 3. 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.....
- 11) Somebody serviced her car. –She.....
- 12) Somebody does her shopping. –She.....
- 13) Somebody looks after her garden. –She.....
- 14) Somebody posts her letters . –She.....
- 15) Their windows need to be cleaned. –They need.....
- 16) The hairdresser was styling Mrs Brown's hair. –Mrs Brown.....
- 17) She told her son to carry the shopping to the house. –She. ....
- 18) Dad is going to arrange for someone to cut the grass . –Dad is going.....
- 19) They used to employ a cleaner who cleaned the house. –They used.....
- 20) Did the mechanic repair Paul's motorbike? –Did Paul.....?

#### **Test 4. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE**

- 1) His teeth are checked twice a year.
- 2) Her skirt is being cleaned at the moment.
- 3) My hair is trimmed once a month.
- 4) Central heating is going to be installed in our house next month.
- 5) Sam's burglar alarm was fitted last week.
- 6) My car is being repaired at the moment.
- 7) The band's new single has just been recorded.
- 8) Our new furniture is going to be delivered tomorrow.
- 9) Their new house is being decorated at the moment.

10) The windows will be cleaned.

**Test 5. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE**

- 1) A new jumper has been knitted for me.
- 2) The lock has to be fixed.
- 3) A new pair of glasses is going to be made for him.
- 4) Their windows need to be cleaned.
- 5) The hairdresser was styling Mrs Brown's hair.
- 6) She told her son to carry the shopping to the house.
- 7) Dad is going to arrange for someone to cut the grass.
- 8) They used to employ a cleaner who cleaned the house.
- 9) Did the mechanic repair Paul's motorbike?
- 10) The boss asked his assistant to type the letter.

**Test 6. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE**

- 1) A plumber fixed the dripping tap for Joe.
- 2) Have you told the secretary to make some photocopies?
- 3) The chef was cooking Tom's lunch.
- 4) Did you tell the shop to deliver the sofa to you?
- 5) My purse was stolen last Friday.
- 6) Did you employ a painter to decorate your house?
- 7) The builders are putting a new roof on Adam's house at the moment.
- 8) She asked the maid to polish the silver.
- 9) The man had asked the porter to take his luggage to his room.
- 10) Did you ask Jenny to arrange the flowers for you?

**Test 7. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE**

- 1) When will your glasses be made?
- 2) I hired a professional to cater for my party.
- 3) Did you ask anyone to sweep the chimney?
- 4) She asked him to do the shopping.
- 5) Their house was burgled last night.
- 6) He employed a carpenter to build the fence.
- 7) Julie's housekeeper irons all her clothes.
- 8) His shop's windows were smashed in the riot.
- 9) Pete must have sent this letter.
- 10) He should plant some more flowers.

**Test 8. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE**

- 1) The hairdresser is cutting my hair on Tuesday.
- 2) Did a professional make the cake for you?
- 3) Somebody stole my car last weekend.
- 4) An electrician fitted the new lights for Sandra.
- 5) The woman had asked the waiter to bring the bill to the table.
- 6) They employed a plumber to fit the shower.
- 7) Have you asked the secretary to fax the contract to Mr Brown?
- 8) Alan's mum washes all his clothes.
- 9) The mechanic at the garage serviced their car.
- 10) He told the student to clean the blackboard.

**Test 9. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE**

1. My windows are cleaned twice a month.
2. The star's latest film has just been released.
3. Their swimming pool will be drained.
4. The carpets must be laid in our flat by Monday.

5. The brakes on my bike have been oiled.
6. Our desks are being painted at the moment.
7. Her bookcase was delivered last week.
8. A new computer has been ordered for me.
9. Annie's sculptures are going to be exhibited tomorrow.
10. A skateboard was being made for Tim.

***Test 10. Rewrite the sentences using HAVE SOMETHING DONE***

- 1) Holly is going to ask Mary to sew her dress.
- 2) Someone has tidied the garden for Mark.
- 3) When will they fix his telephone?
- 4) Pat pays someone to clean the windows every week.
- 5) Can you tell someone to move those boxes?
- 6) When will they deliver Dan's sofa?
- 7) Howard should ask someone to deliver the package.
- 8) When will you service the car?
- 9) Pay someone to make the curtains for you.
- 10) Someone has shortened Alice's skirt.