

HAVE / GET SOMETHING DONE

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Describe services you arrange and unwanted experiences.

1. READ: Preparing for a wedding

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar and how the speakers use it.

Cleo: Your jacket fits much better now.

Josh: I **had the sleeves shortened**. They were far too long.

Cleo: Good idea. Did you fix the shoes too?

Josh: Yes, I **got the heels repaired** yesterday.

Cleo: You're more organised than I am. I still need to **have my hair cut**.

Josh: There's a salon near the venue. You could book it for Friday.

2. GRAMMAR: Someone else performs the service

Use have/get + object + past participle when you arrange for someone else to do something.

Use / form	Pattern	Example
Service	have/get + object + participle	I had the sleeves shortened.
Change the tense	change have/get	I'm getting my hair cut.
Unwanted event	have + object + participle	She had her bag stolen.

Compare: I repaired my bike. (I did it) / I had my bike repaired. (someone else did it)

Get is often less formal. Questions: Did you have it checked?

An unwanted event is not a service: I had my phone stolen on the train.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. I had my bike repair / repaired.
2. She's getting her hair cut / cutting.
3. We'll have the windows clean / cleaned.
4. Did you have / had the car checked?
5. I got my jacket alter / altered.
6. He had his bag steal / stolen.
7. They are have / having a new door fitted.
8. I need to get the screen replace / replaced.

Read each answer aloud. Explain which meaning or time clue helped you.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Getting ready for an event

Write the past participle after the object in each have/get construction.

1. I had the jacket sleeves _____ (shorten).
2. Yesterday, I got the heels _____ (repair).
3. I'm having my hair _____ (cut) on Friday.
4. We'll have the wedding photos _____ (print) next month.
5. Did you get the car _____ (check) before the trip?
6. Unfortunately, Jo had her purse _____ (steal) at the station.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Rewrite using had + object + participle.

Example: A mechanic fixed my bike. **I had my bike fixed.**

1. A tailor shortened my coat.
2. A dentist checked her teeth.

3-4: Rewrite using the given have/get form. Example: Someone will paint our door. (have) **We'll have our door painted.**

3. Someone will clean our windows. (have)
4. Someone is repairing my car. (get)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three services you have arranged or might arrange. Use different tenses and name who does the work.

Example: **I had my eyes tested. I'm getting my bike repaired. I'll have my coat cleaned.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

Discuss services you use. Explain what you do yourself and what you have done by someone else.

Ask **Where did you get it done?** and compare the costs.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Sample target language from the conversation:

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Josh: Yes, I **got the heels repaired** yesterday.

Cleo: You're more organised than I am. I still need to **have my hair cut**.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. repaired | 2. cut |
| 3. cleaned | 4. have |
| 5. altered | 6. stolen |
| 7. having | 8. replaced |

B. COMPLETE: Getting ready for an event

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| 1. shortened | 2. repaired |
| 3. cut | 4. printed |
| 5. checked | 6. stolen |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. I had my coat shortened.
2. She had her teeth checked.
3. We'll have our windows cleaned.
4. I'm getting my car repaired.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: I had my hair cut last week. I'm getting my shoes repaired. I'll have my laptop checked tomorrow.

Teacher note: In C, assume the subject arranged the service, as instructed. Mention that had something stolen is an unwanted experience, not something the person ordered.