

THE CAUSATIVE FORM

There are two major patterns used to form causative constructions in English:

1- HAVE SOMETHING DONE

1. Subject	Auxiliary	Direct Object	Past Participle	(+ by+ Indirect Obj.)
A. He	will have	his car	repaired	by the mechanic.
B. He	Will get	his car	repaired	by the mechanic.

2- HAVE SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING

2. Subject	Auxiliary	Indirect object	(to) infinitive	Direct Object
A. He	Will have	The mechanic	Repair	his car.
B. He	Will have	The mechanic	To repair	His car.

These two patterns can be stated in the following formulas:

- I. A. *have something done by somebody*
B. *get something done by somebody*
- II. A. *Have somebody do something*
B. *get somebody to do something*

****But the direct object can be human as well as a non-human:***

He had his wife killed.

She will have her daughter examined by the doctor.

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Tense	Subject	Auxiliary	Direct object	Past participle	Remainder of the sentence
The simple present	He	Has	His car	Serviced	Every month
The simple past	He	Had	His car	Serviced	Every month.
The present continuous	He	Is having	His car	Serviced	Now.
The past continuous	He	Was having	His car	Serviced	When I arrived.
The present perfect	He	Hasn't had	His car	Serviced	Yet.
The past perfect	He	Had had	His car	Serviced	Before he started the journey.
The future and modals	He	Will have May have Should have	His car	Serviced	Tomorrow.
Perfect Infinitives	He	Should have had Could have had Might have had May have had Must have had	His car	Serviced	Yesterday.

Directions: Rewrite the sentences in the diagram above, *using* the patterns ***have somebody do something & get somebody to do something.***

Follow the examples:

1. *He has his car serviced every month.*
 - a) He has *the mechanic* service his car *every month.*
 - b) *He* gets the mechanic service his car every month.
2. *He has his car serviced last month.*
 - a) *He* has *the mechanic* service his car last month.
 - b) *He* got the mechanic to service his car last month.

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs from the list given below. Use the verbs in one of these two patterns: **Have something done or get something done.**

install extend paint pull out print do x-ray

- 1- The doctor says that I have to have my lungs x-rayed.
- 2- I had to wait for a couple of weeks to get my phone _____.
- 3- I'd like to get my apartment _____ a different colour.
- 4- My visa expires tomorrow, so I must have it _____.
- 5- Having a tooth _____ isn't a pleasant experience.
- 6- Getting that job _____ cost me a small fortune.
- 7- I'd like to have this film developed and _____.

Exercise 2: Fill in the gaps with appropriate verbs from the list given below. Use the verbs in one of these patterns:

have somebody do something or get somebody to do something.

clean type shine install check repair erase
rewrite

- 1- Mr. Smith had one of the secretaries _____ the letter.
- 2- My mother has our maid _____ the house.
- 3- I will get the shoe shining boy _____ my shoes.
- 4- The teacher got Jack _____ his composition.
- 5- I had the phone man _____ the extension in the kitchen.
- 6- You've got to have your lawyer _____ this contract before you sign it.
- 7- We'd better have the plumber _____ the leak in the kitchen.
- 8- The teacher had one of the students _____ the board.

Test on the Causative Form

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

1. She never has her hair _____. She does it herself.
a) do b) doing c) to do d) done
2. I'm afraid of going to have a tooth _____ out.
a) to pull b) pulled c) pull d) pulling
3. I'm very lucky. I've never had to have my TV _____.
a) repaired b) repair c) to repair d) get repaired
4. Her dress was too long, so she had it _____.
a) shorten b) get shortened c) to shorten d) shortened
5. She had to have her phone number _____ because she was receiving obscene calls from some stranger.
a) change b) changed c) to be changed d) to change
6. How did you get your lawyer _____ care of the problem so quickly?
a) to take b) take c) taken d) to be taken
7. What's the best way to get a stubborn child _____ all of his dinner?
a) eat b) to eat c) eaten d) in order to eat
8. Before the wedding ceremony, the bride and the bride groom went to the photographer's to have their photograph _____.
a) to take b) taking c) taken d) to take
9. I was very busy yesterday, so I had my mother _____ my shirt.
a) iron b) ironing c) ironed d) to iron
10. The conjuror made the rabbit _____.
a) vanished b) to vanish c) vanishing d) vanish
11. I know my hair looks dreadful but I will have it _____ after I come back from work.
a) set b) had set c) to set d) be set

12. You'd better have the plumber _____ the leak in the bathroom.
 a) repair b) to repair c) repaired d) to be repaired
13. How did you get your Dad _____ you this car?
 a) bought b) to buy c) to get bought d) to be bought
14. Our composition teacher had us _____ five essays last month.
 a) write b) to write c) written d) to be written
15. The hall was so dark that last year we _____ a window put in.
 a) have had h) were having c) had d) could have

III. The Active Voice versus the Passive Voice and the Causative Form
Exercise II: Transform the following sentences as shown in the examples.
The first one is done for you.

- 1- The judge dissolved their marriage.
 a) Their marriage was dissolved.
 b) They had their marriage dissolve. / They got their marriage dissolved.
- 2- The workers painted our house.
 a) Our house
 b) We
- 3- The optician tested my eyes.
 a) My eyes
 b) I
- 4-The mechanic will repair my car tomorrow.
 a) My car
 b) I
- 5-The teacher has checked Ali's assignment.
 a) Ali's assignment
 b) Ali has

6-The maid is cleaning my room.

- a) My room
- b) I

7-The teacher has already checked my term paper.

- a) My term paper
- b) I

8-The technician installed our computer.

- a) The computer
- b) We

9-The dentist is going to pull out my bad tooth.

- a) My bad tooth
- b) I

10-The photographer took my photograph.

- a) My
- b) I

Test on Active, Passive and Causative Forms

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

1. John _____ to be offered a scholarship.
a) was surprising b) surprised c) was surprised d) had surprised
2. He has the most interesting collection of coins we _____.
a) ever see b) have ever been seen c) had ever seen d) have ever seen
3. " Did you install your new computer yourself?"
" No, I _____."
a) had installed it b) have it installed c) had it installed d) was installed

4. He took the bus. He _____ the train.
a) didn't take b) hasn't been taken c) wasn't taken d) doesn't take
5. I'd like you _____ a little harder in school.
a) studied b) study c) to study d) to be studied
6. I got the mechanic _____ my car yesterday.
a) repair b) to have repaired c) repaired d) to repair
7. News _____ to all parts of the world thanks to highly developed means of communication.
a) instantly transmits c) is instantly transmitting
b) has instantly been transmitting d) is instantly transmitted
8. The child _____ for playing with matches.
a) may severely punish c) may be severely punished
b) may have severely punished d) may have punished severely
9. The U.N. relief operation _____ became of the fighting.
a) was disrupted b) disrupted c) was to disrupt d) was disrupting
10. The damage _____ at \$2 billion.
a) estimates b) which is estimated c) estimated d) is estimated
11. We'll have a highly sophisticated computer system _____ in our computer centre.
a) install b) installed c) to install d) be installed
12. My friends _____ to hear that I had passed all my exams.
a) astonished c) were astonished
b) who were astonished d) being astonished