

# Causitive Have

## Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

We use the **Causitive Have** to talk about actions which we don't do ourselves or which we prefer to have others do for us. When using Causatives, it is not always necessary to mention the agent.

**Look at the difference in meaning between the two sentences below:**

Regular sentence: I clean my house every week. (*I do it myself.*)

Causative sentence: I **have** my house **cleaned** every week. (*Somebody does it for me.*)

**subject + have (any tense) + object + participle**

**Have** can also be replaced by the verb **get**, though **get** is more informal.

**A. Complete the sentences using *have* in the correct form, plus one of the verbs below.**

paint   steal   check   shave   deliver   varnish   remove

1. Ann is in hospital. She's ..... her tonsils .....
2. I've just ..... my nails ..... at the salon down the road.
3. Phil ..... his blood pressure ..... by the doctor every three months.
4. Gary went to the barber to ..... his beard .....off.
5. Poor Alice ..... her camera ..... when she was in Spain last year.
6. Louis ..... his newspaper ..... every morning.
7. Mum won't let me ..... my room ..... until next year.

**B. Change the sentences below to Causative sentences.**

Example: *Someone cut Gary's hair last week.     Gary had his hair cut last week.*

1. John fixed his broken tooth. ....
2. You need to test your eyes. ....
3. Someone irons Nick's shirts. ....
4. Sara is painting her front door. ....
5. We cut our grass every month. ....

**C. Complete the conversation questions using a suitable form of *have* with one of the verbs below. Afterwards, find a partner and ask each other the questions.**

steal wash make remove take deliver cook

1. Have you ever ..... a tooth .....? If so, was it painful?
2. Do you usually buy your groceries at the shop or do you ..... them .....
3. Have you ever ..... your wallet .....? If so, did you go to the police?
4. Do you usually prepare your own meals or do you ..... them ..... for you?
5. If you have a car, do wash it yourself or do you ..... it ..... at a carwash?
6. Do you mind ..... your photo ....., or do you run when you see a camera?
7. Have you ever ..... any clothing ..... by a dressmaker? If so, what was it?

**D. Imagine you and your partner have suddenly become billionaires and can get someone else to do the jobs you hate doing. Chat and then write down five things you'll have done for you. e.g., 'We'll have our beds made every morning.'**

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

**E. With your partner, think of two things you can have done for you at the places below.**

1. At a beauty salon, you can have .....

You can also have .....

2. At an expensive hotel, you can have .....

You can also have .....

**Now, think of two more places, and two things you can have done at each place. Once you've completed your sentences, find another partner. Take turns reading out your sentences to each other, saying 'blank' instead of the name of the place, and see if they can guess the place you are describing.**

1. At a ....., you can have .....

You can also have .....

2. At a ....., you can have .....

You can also have .....