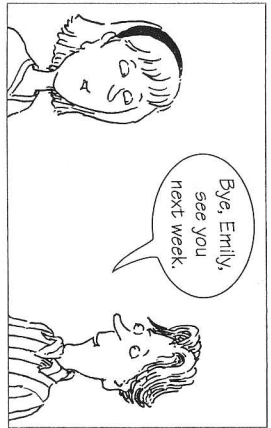


The Causative



CHECK POINT

Tick the correct answer.

- The man wants to know if his girlfriend
- cut her own hair.
 - went to a hairdresser's.

CHART CHECK

Circle T (True) or F (False).

- T F** The causative always has a form of the verb *be*.
- T F** You can form the causative with *have* or *get*.
- T F** The causative always needs an agent.

		STATEMENTS			
SUBJECT	HAVE/GET	OBJECT	PAST PARTICIPLE	(BY + AGENT)	
She	has	her hair	cut	by Colin.	
He	has had	his beard	trimmed.		
I	got	my car	repaired.		
She	is going to get	her lawn	cut.		

YES/NO QUESTIONS					
AUXILIARY VERB	SUBJECT	HAVE/GET	OBJECT	PAST PARTICIPLE	(BY + AGENT)
Does	she	have	her hair	cut	by Colin?
Has	he	had	his beard	trimmed?	
Did	you	get	your car	repaired?	
Is	she	going to get	her lawn	cut?	

EXPRESS CHECK

Complete this conversation with the correct form of the verb *do*.

- A:** Where do you have your hair _____ ?
- B:** I don't have it. I _____ it myself.

Grammar Explanations

Examples

- Use the causative to talk about services that you arrange for someone to do for you.
 - I used to colour my own hair but now I have it coloured at the hairdresser's.
 - I get my groceries delivered by Derek.
- BE CAREFUL!** Do not confuse the past simple causative (*had something done*) with the past perfect in active sentences (*had done something*).
 - WRITE PAST CAUSATIVE**
 - I had it done last week. (*Someone did it for me.*)
 - PAST PERFECT**
 - I had done it before. (*I did it myself.*)

- Form the causative with the appropriate form of *have* or *get* + object + past participle.
 - I always have my hair cut by Colin.
 - I haven't had it done since June.

- The causative can be used in all tenses and with modals.
- Last year I got my jacket cleaned once.
 - Next week I'm going to have my windows cleaned.
 - I'm getting them done by Spotless.
 - I had them cleaned a long time ago.
 - You should get the car serviced.
 - You ought to have it done soon.

- Use *by* when it is necessary to mention the person doing the service (the agent).
 - Lynne has her hair done by Colin.
 - Where does Lynne get her hair done?
 - Nor where does Lynne get her hair done by a hairdresser?

Check it out!

For more information about when to use an agent, see Unit 61, page 265.

1 TRUE OR FALSE • Read each person's statement. Write T (True) or F (False) for the sentence that follows.

- JACK:** I'm going to get my hair cut tomorrow after work.
 ___ F ___ Jack cuts his own hair.
- DEBRA:** I'm colouring my hair this afternoon.
 ___ Debra colours her own hair.
- AMY:** I didn't pack any nail polish because I had done my nails before the trip.
 ___ Amy did her own nails.
- JACK:** I'm thinking of getting the floors polished before the party.
 ___ Jack might hire someone to polish the floors.
- MARIE:** I had my flat painted two months ago.
 ___ Marie painted her own flat.
- TONY:** I'll wash the car this weekend.
 ___ Tony is going to wash the car himself.

2 FIND OUT & REPORT • It's 15 February. Look at the Davies's calendar and write sentences about things they had done and things they are going to have done.

FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	Debra - hairdresser
8	9	10	11	12	13	Amy - dog groomer
Today's date 15	windows 16	17	18	19	20	party! 21
22	23	24	Amy - ear's pierced 25	26	27	family photos 28

- They / have / photos / take ___ They are going to have photos taken.
- Debra / get / her hair / perm ___ Debra got her hair permed.
- Amy / have / the dog / groom ___
- They / get / the windows / clean ___
- They / have / the carpets / shampoo ___
- Amy / have / her ears / pierce ___
- Jack / get / his hair / cut ___
- They / have / food and drinks / deliver ___

3 CHOOSE & COMPLETE • Debra and Jack are going to have a party. Complete the conversations with the passive causative of the appropriate verbs in the box.

dry clean colour cut paint shorten clean

- DEBRA:** Your new dress is a bit long. Why don't you get it shortened ?
AMY: OK. They do alterations at the cleaners. I'll take it in tomorrow.
- DEBRA:** My blue dress has a small stain on it. I have to ___
AMY: I can drop it off at the cleaners with my dress.
- JACK:** The house is ready, except for the windows. They look pretty dirty.
DEBRA: Don't worry. We ___ tomorrow.
- DEBRA:** Your hair is getting really long. I thought you were going to cut it.
AMY: I decided not to do it myself this time. I ___
 by Colin.
- DEBRA:** My hair's getting a lot of grey in it. Should I ___ ?
JACK: It looks fine to me but it's up to you.
- GUEST:** The house looks beautiful. ___ you
 ?

4 EDIT • Read Amy's diary entry. Find and correct seven mistakes in the use of the passive causative. The first mistake has already been corrected.

21 February

The party was last night. It went really well! The house looked great. Mum and Dad had the floors polished and all the windows ^{cleaned} clean professionally so everything sparkled. And of course we had the whole house painted ourselves last summer. (I'll never forget that. It took us two weeks!) I wore my new black dress that I have shortened by Jill and I got cut my hair by Colin. He did a great job. There were a lot of guests at the party. We had almost fifty people invited and they almost all turned up! The food was great too. Mum made most of the main dishes herself but she had the rest of the food prepare by a caterer. Mum and Dad hired a professional photographer so at the end of the party we all took our photos. Dad's getting them back next week. I can't wait to see them!

UNIT
63

The Causative

CHECK POINT

went to a hairdresser's

CHART CHECK

F, T, F

EXPRESS CHECK

A: done

B: done, do

- 1** 2. T 4. T 6. T
3. T 5. F

- 2** 3. Amy had the dog groomed.
4. They are going to get the windows cleaned.
5. They had the carpets shampooed.
6. Amy is going to have her ears pierced.
7. Jake got his hair cut.
8. They are going to have food and drinks delivered.

- 3** 1. OR have it shortened
2. get (OR have) it dry cleaned
3. 're getting (OR having) them cleaned OR 're going to get (OR have) them cleaned
4. 'm getting (OR having) it cut OR 'm going to get (OR have) it cut
5. get (OR have) it coloured
6. Did . . . get (OR have) it painted

- 4** The party was last night. It went really well! The house looked great. Mum and Dad had the floors polished and all the windows ^{cleaned} ~~clean~~ professionally so everything sparkled. And of course we ^{had the whole house painted} ~~had the whole house painted~~ ourselves last summer. (I'll never forget *that*. It took us two weeks!) I wore my new black dress that I ^{had} ~~have~~ shortened by Jill and I ^{got my hair cut} ~~got cut my hair~~ by Colin. He did a great job. There were a lot of guests at the party. We ^{had invited OR invited almost fifty people} ~~had almost fifty people invited~~

and they almost all turned up! The food was great too. Mum made most of the main dishes herself but she had the rest of the food ^{prepared} ~~prepare~~ by a caterer. Mum and Dad hired a professional photographer so at the end of the party we all ^{had our photos taken} ~~took our photos~~. Dad's getting them back next week. I can't wait to see them!