

## SEMESTER IV

**PRACTICE SHEET**  
**MODULE II: CAUSATIVE VERBS**

**Exercise 1:** Choose the correct causative verbs or structures to fill in the blanks and complete the sentences.

1. Sally made me \_\_\_\_ my shoes before I went into her house. She said she wanted to keep the carpet clean.  
a) taking off    b) to take off    c) **take off**    d) taken off
2. I see that you have no time to clean the house on your own, so you had better get somebody \_\_\_\_ it for you.  
a) Done    b) doing    c) **to do**    d) do
3. What you should do before an emergency occurs is to get your fire alarm \_\_\_\_ that will also make you feel safer.  
a) fix    b) fixing    c) to fix    d) **fixed**
4. She had to have her phone number \_\_\_\_ because she was receiving many spam calls.  
a) change    b) changing    c) to change    d) **changed**
5. Her dress was too long, so she had it \_\_\_\_.  
a) shorten    b) **shortened**    c) shortening    d) to shorten
6. You'd better have a plumber \_\_\_\_ the leak in the bathroom.  
a) repairing    b) repaired    c) to repair    d) **repair**
7. Instead of buying a new pair of shoes, I had my old ones \_\_\_\_.  
a) repair    b) repairing    c) **repaired**    d) to repair
8. I got everyone in the family \_\_\_\_ Mary's birthday card before I sent it to her.  
a) sign    b) signing    c) **to sign**    d) signed
9. I didn't have any time, so I had my sister \_\_\_\_ my paper last night.  
a) **type**    b) typing    c) to type    d) typed
10. The teacher got the students \_\_\_\_ the first quatrain of the poem to make it easy to memorize.  
a) writes    b) writing    c) **to write**    d) write
11. The coach made the team \_\_\_\_ for hours.  
a) **practice**    b) practicing    c) to practice    d) practiced

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**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the sentences, adding in a causative verb: have, make, get or let.

**Example:** My stylist did my hair. I had my stylist do my hair.

1. My sister said I could use her computer. (let)
2. I usually convince my husband to do the cooking. (get)
3. Since he lives alone, I force my son to call me when he gets home. (make)
4. I authorize a gardener to cut the grass and maintain the garden. (have)
5. My friend works at the gym, so he allows me to use it for free. (let)
6. I hate driving, so I force my husband to drive when we're together. (make)

**Key:**

1. My sister let me use her computer.
2. I usually get my husband to do the cooking.
3. Since he lives alone, I make my son call me when he gets home.
4. I have a gardener cut the grass and maintain the garden.
5. My friend lets me use the gym for free.
6. I hate driving so I make my husband drive when we're together.

**Exercise 3:** Complete each sentence with a causative verb (have, make, get, or let) and the verb in brackets. You may need to change the form of the verbs.

1. I'm usually not allowed to go out on a school night, but my parents are \_\_\_ me \_\_\_ (go) to my friend's house tonight.
2. Sara is good at keeping secrets, but I \_\_\_ her \_\_\_ (tell) me what another classmate secretly told her.
3. I'm terrible at painting my own nails, so I \_\_\_ a professional \_\_\_ (do) them for me.
4. I hate cleaning so after some convincing, I \_\_\_ my sister \_\_\_ (clean) my room for me.
5. I hate vegetables, but my dad always \_\_\_ me \_\_\_ (eat) them.
6. The student \_\_\_ his friend \_\_\_ (check) his homework before he handed it in.
7. I usually don't \_\_\_ my younger sister \_\_\_ (come) out with me and my friends.
8. The teacher \_\_\_ the students \_\_\_ (write) the answers on the board.

**Exercise 4:** Complete the sentences using the correct form of 'to have something done'.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ the roof \_\_\_\_\_ last year. (repair)
2. Anne \_\_\_\_\_ her hair \_\_\_\_\_ every Friday afternoon. (do)
3. The surgeon \_\_\_\_\_ the operating theatre \_\_\_\_\_ this morning. (disinfect)
4. How often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ your windows \_\_\_\_\_? (clean)
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ their books \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris. (print)

**Key:**

1. We had the roof repaired last year.
2. Anne has her hair done every Friday afternoon.
3. The surgeon had the operating theatre disinfected this morning.

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4. How often do you have your suit windows cleaned?
5. They have their books printed in Paris.

**Exercise 5:** Answer the questions using ‘Get something done’. Choose from the boxes.

**~~Birthday cake~~ / My jacket / A gift / My hair / My nails**

**~~Make~~ / Wrap / Wash / Cut / Varnish**

1. Why did you go to the bakery? **To get a birthday cake made.**
2. Why did you go to the hairdresser? **My hair / cut**
3. Why did you go to laundry? **My jacket / varnish**
4. Why did you go to the mall? **A gift / wrap**
5. Why did you go to the beauty salon? **My nails / cut**

**Exercise 6:** Pick the correct causative verb to complete the passage.

After classes, John 1. \_\_\_\_ [**have**] his car 2. \_\_\_\_ [**repair**] at the campus auto shop. While waiting, he 3. \_\_\_\_ [**get**] some homework 4. \_\_\_\_ [**do**] in the student lounge. Once his car was ready, John 5. \_\_\_\_ [**make**] a quick grocery trip and 6. \_\_\_\_ [**have**] the bags 7. \_\_\_\_ [**load**] into his car by the store clerk. Back at his apartment, John 8. \_\_\_\_ [**let**] his roommate 9. \_\_\_\_ [**use**] the kitchen to cook dinner while he started on his coding assignment. Before bedtime, John 10. \_\_\_\_ [**get**] his laundry 11. \_\_\_\_ [**wash**] so he'd have clean clothes for the next day.

**Exercise 7:** Match the entries on the right with the entries on the left to make a meaningful conversation.

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| 1. I'm sure that door used to be green.                  | a) I'll have the file e-mailed to you at once.                  |
| 2. Is that a new coat?                                   | b) I'll have some flowers delivered to their house.             |
| 3. This photocopier is useless.                          | c) I had it broken playing rugby.                               |
| 4. My car battery keeps going flat.                      | d) I had it stolen on the bus.                                  |
| 5. Your hair looks really untidy.                        | e) Yes, but I had it repainted.                                 |
| 6. That old clock looks like it is worth a lot of money. | f) I'm going to have it replaced.                               |
| 7. My computer is not as fast as it used to be.          | g) I cannot keep recharging it every night.                     |
| 8. Are the new photographs ready?                        | h) I'm afraid that I haven't had the film developed yet.        |
| 9. Where do you buy that magazine?                       | i) I think I'll have it valued by an auction house.             |
| 10. The picture quality on this computer is poor.        | j) I'm going to have it cut on Saturday. It's too long.         |
| 11. Why is your nose that shape?                         | k) I had it serviced last week.                                 |
| 12. I've lost my credit card.                            | l) I have it delivered to my home address.                      |
| 13. Call the plumber.                                    | m) I'm going to have a new graphics card fitted.                |
| 14. My car is running much better now.                   | n) I need to have them looked at, but I hate dentists.          |
| 15. I must thank them for the dinner party.              | o) It's my old one but I had it dry-cleaned.                    |
| 16. I needed the report as soon as possible.             | p) I think I'll have it looked at by one of the IT technicians. |
| 17. My teeth are really hurting.                         | q) We have water shooting out of the toilet.                    |