

Grammar

Connectives

Time words and phrases

With some time words and phrases, we use the present simple to talk about the future. We don't use will or be going to.

after	I'll call you after we solve the problem.	
as soon as	I'll call you as soon as we solve the problem.	
before	It'll be a few days before we find the solution.	
until / till	I won't call you until we find the solution.	
when	It'll be great when we find the solution.	
while	I'll be in the office while I deal with this problem.	



We can also put these time words and phrases at the beginning of the sentence.

✓ As soon as we solve the problem, I'll call you.

Although

We use the word although to express contrast.

Although + subject + verb, subject + verb

Although my homework was difficult, I finished it before bed.



We can also put although in the middle of the sentence.

✓ I finished my homework before bed, although it was difficult.

In spite of / Despite

We use in spite of and despite to express contrast. They mean the same thing.

In spite of / despite + -ing form, subject + verb

In spite of / despite + noun, subject + verb

In spite of / despite + noun, subject + verb

Despite my revision, I didn't do well in the test.



We can also put in spite of and despite in the middle of the sentence.

✓ I didn't do well in the test, despite revising for hours.

However

We use however to express contrast.

Subject + verb. However, subject + verb.

We believed that we would find a solution. However, we were wrong.



We can also put however at the end of the second sentence.

✓ We believed that we would find a solution. We were wrong, however.

Unless

The word unless means if ... not or except if.

✓ **Unless** you hurry up, we'll be late. (= **If** you do**n't** hurry up, we'll be late.) For more information about conditional sentences, see Units 28 and 29.

The causative

subject + have in the correct form + object + past participle

Use

To show that someone arranges for someone else to do something for them

Tense / modal	Example
present simple	Mrs Taylor has her car cleaned once a month.
present continuous	She is having the tyres checked at the moment.
present perfect simple	She has had the windscreen replaced.
present perfect continuous	This is not usually used in the causative.
past simple	She had the car filled up with petrol yesterday.
past continuous	She was having the car repaired when I last saw her.
past perfect simple	She had had the engine checked.
past perfect continuous	This is not usually used in the causative.
will and other modals	She will have a car alarm fitted when she can afford it. She would have air bags put in but it's too expensive.
be going to	She is going to have a new car radio installed.
-ing form	She might stop having the car cleaned so often.

Helpful hints

Look at the differences between a normal active sentence and a sentence in the causative.

Normal active sentence:

Someone cleans Mrs Taylor's car every week.

In the causative:

Mrs Taylor has her car cleaned every week.

- We can also use get instead of have. Get is more informal than have.
 - ✓ I'm going to have my hair cut tomorrow. (more formal)
 - ✓ I'm going to **get** my hair cut tomorrow. (more informal)
- Just as with the passive (see Unit 11), we can use by to show who does the action.
 - ✓ We're having a family photo taken by a local photographer.



- With the causative, have always comes **before** the noun and the past participle always comes **after** the noun.
- When we ask questions using the causative, the past participle stays after the noun.
 - ✓ Did you have the furniture **delivered** yesterday?
 - x Did you have **delivered** the furniture yesterday?
- Some verbs have irregular past participle forms. See page 182.



Vocabulary Problems and solutions

Topic vocabulary

see page 200 for definitions

accident (n)	encourage (v)	purpose (n)
assume (v)	get rid of (v phr)	refuse (v)
cause (v, n)	gossip (v, n)	result (v, n)
claim (v)	ideal (adj)	rumour (n)
complain (v)	insult (v, n)	sensible (adj)
convince (v)	investigate (v)	serious (adj)
criticise (v)	negative (adj)	spare (adj)
deny (v)	positive (adj)	theory (n)
discussion (n)	praise (v, n)	thought (n)
doubt (v, n)	pretend (v)	warn (v)

Phrasal verbs

hang up put clothes in a wardrobe, etc

pick up lift something from the floor, a table, etc

put back return something to where it was

run out (of) not have any left

give a part of sth to a group of people share out

sort out solve a problem

watch out be careful

find the solution to a problem, etc

Prepositional phrases

by accident/mistake

in a mess

in danger (of)

in my view

in trouble

under pressure

Word formation

advice	advise, adviser	prefer	preference, preferable
confuse	confused, confusion	recommend	recommendation
except	exception	refuse	refusal
help	(un)helpful, helpless	solve	solution
luck	(un)lucky, (un)luckily	suggest	suggestion

adjectives	sure about/of		happen to
verbs	advise against		hide sth from sb
	agree (with sb) about		insist on
	approve of		rely on
	believe in	nouns	an advantage of
	deal with		a solution to