

Upper Intermediate Unit 12b

Causative have and get





My car needed fixing.



I had it towed away.



I got the garage to fix it.



My car got hit as I was leaving!







I hit the other driver!

The other driver had the police officer arrest me!

Presentation

Use have and get in different ways to say that we cause something to happen or cause somebody to do something.

have/get + something + past participle

Use have/get + something + past participle when we pay somebody to do something for us. We don't say who does the job. *Get something done* is more informal than *have something done*.

I **had** the car **towed** away.

We also use *have/get* + something + past participle to say that we experience something bad.

My sister got her phone stolen last night. (She didn't want this to happen.)

We never say who did the action with this structure.

have + someone + infinitive (without to)

Use *have* + someone + infinitive (without *to*) when we ask or tell somebody to do something for us: *The other driver had* the police office arrest me!

We always say who did the action with this structure.

get + someone + to + infinitive

We also use get + someone + to + infinitive when we ask or tell somebody to do something. We use this in any context (not just with people we have power over). It is informal.

I got the garage to fix it.

We always say who did the action with this structure.

Exercises

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE RICH WHEN	
1you get your stylist (choose) your out fits for the day.	
2you have your personal assistant (fetch) the morning newspaper.	
3you have your make-up and hair (do) before you go out.	
4you get your personal trainer (come) to the house.	
5you get your dogs (walk).	The state of the s
6you have your post (bring) to your room on a silver tray.	
7you get your pilot (fly) you to Paris for breakfast.	
8you have your security guard (remove) the paparazzi from out side your window.	

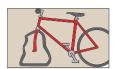
2 Complete the sentences with these pairs of verbs.

Ó	get + meet	got + cut	got + fire	had + stole	en had + write	having + fixed	
1	She	her hair			yesterday.		
2	I'm	my car engine			again!		
3	Peter	some money			from his bag.		
4	The owner	her manager to		nager to	two employees.		
5	My father	his lawyer		er	an agreement.		
6	Let me	my friend to)	you at the station.		

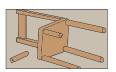
- 3 Choose the correct option.
 - A: Hello again. Can I get someone ${}^{1}fix / to fix$ my watch?
 - B: Sure, I can get someone ${}^{2}look / to look$ at it, but you only brought it here a month ago.
 - A: Yes, but that was because I had the battery *to replaced. the battery. Now the front is cracked.
 - B: I see. Well, unfortunately I can't fix it here. I'll have to have the watch 4send / sent away. It'll take two weeks.
 - A: Oh dear, I'm away the week after next. But I can have my nephew 5collect / to collect it.
- 4 Look at the pictures and write a sentence. Change the form of the verbs if you need to.



1 I'll / my hairdresser / cut your hair.



2 I'm / my bicycle / mend / this morning.



3 I / my favourite chair / broke / last night.



4 I'll / my parents / pay my bills.