

# THE CAUSATIVE HAVE

## EXERCISE 1

Read about each situation and write sentences with “have something done”.

*e.g. Melanie has gone to the hairdresser's.*

*She has had her hair cut*

1. Someone stole all our money.

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1. The technician repaired Julia's television last year.

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2. The photographer is taking a photo of Alice.

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3. Jimmy fell off his bike and broke it.

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4. Last weekend someone painted Robert's bedroom.

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5. I've lost my key.

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6. Julia broke her leg, she needs someone's help to clean her house.

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7. The children broke Simone's window.

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8. It's Sylvie's birthday. She would like a cake.

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9. Bob went to London. He lost his luggage.

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10. John usually cleans his clothes at *Clean-it-up*.

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11. Paul's leg was broken in a fight.

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## EXERCISE 2.

Complete the sentences by using the words in brackets.

*e.g. Jill had her hair cut yesterday by her friend.*

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (the house/ paint) at the  
moment.

2. I lost my key. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_

(another key/ make).

3. When was the last time you \_\_\_\_\_

(you hair/ cut)

4. You look different. \_\_\_\_\_

(you/ your/ hair cut).

5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ a

newspaper/ deliver) to your house?

6. This coat is dirty. I must \_\_\_\_\_

(it/ clean).

7. If you want to wear earrings, why don't you

\_\_\_\_\_ (your ears/ pierced).

8. What are those work-men doing in the garden?

Oh, we \_\_\_\_\_ (a  
swimming pool/build).

9. Sue didn't make the curtains herself. She  
\_\_\_\_\_ (them/make).

### EXERCISE 3.

We can also use the causative have to say that something  
happened to somebody or their belongings.

*e.g. Jane's dog was kidnapped.*

*What happened to Jane? She had her dog kidnapped.*

1. George's nose was broken in a fight.

What happened to George?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Sarah's bag was stolen on a train.

What happened to Sarah?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fred's hat was blown off in the wind.

What happened to Fred?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Diane's passport was taken away from her by the police.

What happened to Diane?

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. John's coat was taken when he was in the disco.

What happened to John?

\_\_\_\_\_.

## EXERCISE 4.

Make sentences which have the same meaning as the original,  
using causative **have**.

e.g. *When did you last go to the dentist?*

*When did you last have your teeth checked?*

1. My car is at the garage, it needs to be repaired.

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2. I go to the hairdresser's every week, Jacques washes and  
blow dries it beautifully.

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3. Simon does the gardening for me on Mondays, he has really green fingers.

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4. I hate cleaning. Julie cleans my flat for me every other day.

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5. Louise is an absolutely divine interior designer. She arranged everything in Greg's new place for him impeccably!

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6. Well, the house in Spain is nearly finished. The workmen are putting the finishing touches to it.

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7. Sebastian never does his own homework. He always gets Tim to do it for him.

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8. Michael is really lucky. His mum cleans, washes and cooks for him.

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9. Julian's wife is a bit of a doormat. She irons his shirts and makes his sandwiches every morning!

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10. My mum is hopeless at anything electrical. Her neighbour even changes her light bulbs for her!

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