

Have and get something done

We use *to have something done* for a work/service done by someone for us. Here are the most frequently used tenses with this expression:

<i>have + object + past participle(V₃)</i>	
Present Continuous	They are <i>having</i> their cake <i>packed</i> .
Going to	He is <i>going to have</i> his flat <i>decorated</i> .
Present Perfect	She <i>has had</i> her bicycle <i>repaired</i> .
Past Simple	My sister <i>had</i> her hair <i>cut</i> yesterday.
Infinitive	We want <i>to have</i> our bathtub <i>restored</i> .
Future Simple	They <i>will have</i> their health <i>improved</i> .
Past Continuous	I <i>was having</i> my dinner <i>cooked</i> at 5 yesterday.

In everyday speech *get* can be used instead of *have* for present continuous and past simple, but not for present perfect.

We *are getting our boat painted* now.
She *got her tree cut* last weekend.

Exercise 02. Write a new sentence with the same meaning, using the word in capitals.

1. My nephew broke my favorite coffee mug.
_____ **GOT**
2. A famous illustrator is designing our booklet.
_____ **GETTING**
3. Someone stole Mark's car yesterday evening.
_____ **GOT**
4. A carpenter is replacing all broken doors in his new house.
_____ **GETTING**

Exercise 01. Rewrite without underlined parts, using causative *have*

1. Someone has installed a nice illumination in our yard.

2. A plumber is changing the filtering system at their house.

3. A hairdresser cut my nieces hair last Monday.

4. That art specialist won't appraise his sculpture.

5. A zookeeper was cleaning the koala's cage at 5.

6. The designer is going to finish my project next week.

7. The gardener has planted an apple tree in Mary's garden.

8. A tailor is going to shorten my jeans.

9. An optician examined my granny's eyes last month.

10. Tom Jones edited her musical album last Sunday.

Exercise 03. Combine the sentences with causative *have* or *get*

1. redesigned / we / our cafe / are getting / next month

2. their house / have had / my friends / broken into

3. was having / the dog / cooked / it's food / at 7 / yesterday

4. their bicycles / tomorrow / will have / they / afternoon / delivered

5. got / in a fight / its horn / the bull / broken

6. is getting / her laptop / Margaret / sold / next Friday

7. your hair / get / as soon as / cut / possible !
