



The Causative — B1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- I am going to ____ my hair cut on Saturday.
A) make B) have C) do D) let
- We had the kitchen ____ last summer.
A) paint B) painting C) to paint D) painted
- What is the difference between 'I cut my hair' and 'I had my hair cut'?
A) None B) The second is informal C) In the first you did it yourself D) The first is passive
- She ____ her car serviced every six months.
A) have B) having C) has D) is have
- Which sentence uses get correctly as a causative?
A) I got repaired my bike. B) I got my bike repair.
C) I got repair my bike. D) I got my bike repaired.
- They ____ their flat burgled while they were away.
A) had B) made C) did D) let
- We are ____ the roof repaired at the moment.
A) have B) had C) has D) having
- You should ____ that mole looked at by a doctor.
A) having B) have C) had D) to have
- Where does the object go in a causative sentence?
A) After the participle B) Between have and the participle C) At the start D) It is optional
- He ____ his passport stolen on the metro.
A) had B) has been C) was D) did

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

- I am going to _____ my hair cut tomorrow morning.
- We had the bathroom _____ last spring.
- She _____ her car washed every Saturday.

4. They _____ their windows broken during the storm.
5. You should _____ that cough checked by a doctor.
6. We are _____ the garden landscaped at the moment.
7. I must get these trousers _____ before the wedding.
8. He had his laptop _____ at the airport last week.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. had / hair / cut / my / I / yesterday.

Report a visit to the hairdresser.

2. We / having / the / redecorated. / are / kitchen

Describe work in progress at your house.

3. serviced / gets / car / She / her / year. / every

Describe a regular arrangement informally.

4. had / They / last / flat / month. / their / burgled

Report a misfortune with the causative.

5. have / should / You / that / tooth / at. / looked

Advise somebody to see a professional.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) have** — Have plus an object plus a past participle is the causative for a professional service.
2. **D) painted** — The causative always uses the past participle, whatever the tense of have.
3. **C) In the first you did it yourself** — The causative makes clear that somebody else performed the action for you.
4. **C) has** — The tense and agreement sit on have, not on the participle.
5. **D) I got my bike repaired.** — The word order is fixed: get, then the object, then the past participle.
6. **A) had** — The causative can also describe something unpleasant that happened to you, not only a service you paid for.
7. **D) having** — The continuous form puts -ing on have, leaving the participle unchanged.
8. **B) have** — After a modal, have appears in its base form.
9. **B) Between have and the participle** — The order is have, object, past participle — putting the object last is the commonest error.
10. **A) had** — This is the misfortune sense of the causative: something was done to him.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **have** — Have plus object plus past participle is the causative for a professional service.
2. **tiled** — The past participle follows the object in every causative sentence.
3. **has** — The tense and the third-person s belong to have, not to the participle.
4. **had** — The causative also covers misfortunes that happen to you.
5. **have** — After a modal, have or get appears in the base form.
6. **having** — The continuous puts -ing on have while the participle stays fixed.
7. **altered** — The participle describes what will be done to the object.
8. **stolen** — The misfortune sense of the causative takes the same structure.

C. Sentence building

1. **I had my hair cut yesterday.**
2. **We are having the kitchen redecorated.**
3. **She gets her car serviced every year.**
4. **They had their flat burgled last month.**
5. **You should have that tooth looked at.**