



# 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) have      B) make      C) do      D) let
- We had the kitchen \_\_\_\_ last summer.  
A) paint      B) painted      C) painting      D) to paint
- What is the difference between 'I cut my hair' and 'I had my hair cut'?  
A) None      B) In the first you did it yourself      C) The second is informal      D) The first is passive
- She \_\_\_\_ her car serviced every six months.  
A) has      B) have      C) having      D) is have
- Which sentence uses get correctly as a causative?  
A) I got repaired my bike.      B) I got my bike repaired.  
C) I got my bike repair.      D) I got repair my bike.
- 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) having      C) had      D) has
- You should \_\_\_\_ that mole looked at by a doctor.  
A) have      B) having      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

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*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.*

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

*Describe work in progress at your house.*

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

*Describe a regular arrangement informally.*

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

*Report a misfortune with the causative.*

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

*Advise somebody to see a professional.*

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# Answer key

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*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

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1. **A) have** — Have plus an object plus a past participle is the causative for a professional service.
2. **B) painted** — The causative always uses the past participle, whatever the tense of have.
3. **B) In the first you did it yourself** — The causative makes clear that somebody else performed the action for you.
4. **A) has** — The tense and agreement sit on have, not on the participle.
5. **B) 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. **B) having** — The continuous form puts -ing on have, leaving the participle unchanged.
8. **A) 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

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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

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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.**