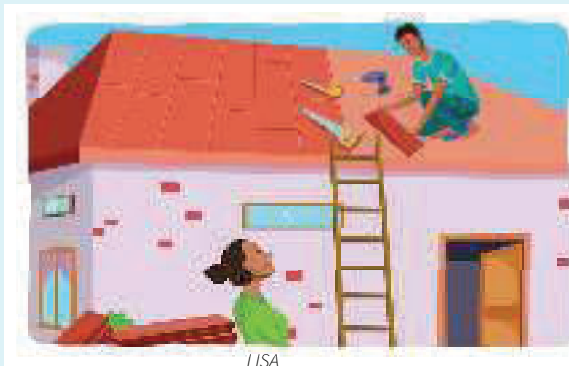


have something done

A Study this example situation:



The roof of Lisa's house was damaged.
So she called a builder, and yesterday he came and repaired it.

Lisa **had** the roof **repaired** yesterday.

This means: Lisa arranged for somebody else to repair the roof. She didn't repair it herself.

If you **have something done**, you arrange for somebody to do it for you.

Compare:

- ☐ Lisa **repaired** the roof. (= she repaired it herself)
Lisa **had** the roof **repaired**. (= she arranged for somebody else to repair it)
- ☐ A: Did you **make** those curtains yourself?
B: Yes, I like making things.
A: Did you **have** those curtains **made**?
B: No, I made them myself.

B Study the word order:

have	object	past participle
Lisa had	the roof	repaired.
Where did you have	your hair	cut?
We are having	the house	painted.
I think you should have	that coat	cleaned.
I don't like having	my picture	taken.

We say:

- ☐ How often do you **have your car serviced?** (*not* have serviced your car)
- ☐ Our neighbour is **having a garage built.** (*not* having built a garage)
- ☐ Your hair looks nice. Did you **have it cut?**

C **get something done**

You can say '**get** something done' instead of '**have** something done':

- ☐ When are you going to **get the roof repaired?** (= have the roof repaired)
- ☐ I think you should **get your hair cut** really short.

D We also use **have something done** with a different meaning. For example:

- ☐ Paul and Karen **had their bags stolen** while they were travelling.

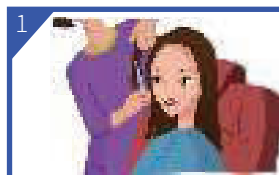
This does not mean that they arranged for somebody to steal their bags. 'They **had their bags stolen**' means only: 'Their bags were stolen'.

With this meaning, we use **have something done** to say that something happens to somebody or their belongings:

- ☐ Gary **had** his nose **broken** in a fight. (= his nose was broken)
- ☐ Have you ever **had** your bike **stolen**?

Exercises

46.1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence, (a) or (b), for each picture.



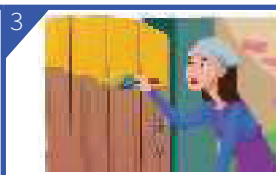
SARAH

- (a) Sarah is cutting her hair.
(b) Sarah is having her hair cut.



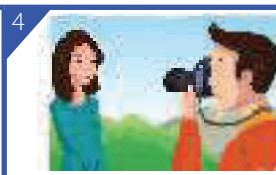
DAN

- (a) Dan is cutting his hair.
(b) Dan is having his hair cut.



KATE

- (a) Kate is painting the gate.
(b) Kate is having the gate painted.



SUE

- (a) Sue is taking a picture.
(b) Sue is having her picture taken.

46.2 Put the words in the correct order.

- (painted / had / a few weeks ago / the house)
We had the house painted a few weeks ago.
- (serviced / car / once a year / her / has)
Sarah
- (had / your / recently / tested / eyes / you?)
Have
- (like / cut / my / having / don't / hair)
I
- (fifteen pounds / have / cleaned / my suit / cost / to)
It
- (as soon as possible / need / translated / to get / this document)
You

46.3 Write sentences in the way shown.

- Lisa didn't repair the roof herself. She had it repaired.
- I didn't cut my hair myself. I
- We didn't clean the carpets ourselves. We
- Ben didn't build that wall himself. He
- I didn't deliver the flowers myself. I
- Sarah didn't repair her shoes herself. She

46.4 Which goes with which?

- My hair is getting long.
- I really like this picture.
- The washing machine is broken.
- I want to wear earrings.
- Can you recommend a dentist?
- I've lost my key.

- I need to get it fixed.
- I'll have to get a new one made.
- I need to get my teeth checked.
- ~~I should get it cut.~~
- I'm going to get my ears pierced.
- I'm going to get it framed.

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46.5 Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

- Did I tell you about Paul and Karen?
(They / their bags / steal) They had their bags stolen.
- Security at the airport was strict.
(We / our bags / search)
- I've had some good news!
(I / my salary / increase) I
- Joe can't get a visa.
(He / his application / refuse)