

Causative Verbs: Let, Make, Have, Get and Help

Practice Worksheet for B2-C1 Learners

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Quick reminder

- have/get + object + past participle: I had my phone repaired. / I got my phone repaired.
- get + person + to + verb: She got her brother to help her.
- make + person + bare infinitive: The teacher made us rewrite the essay.
- let + person + bare infinitive: My parents let me stay out late.
- help + person + verb / to + verb: He helped me prepare / to prepare.

A. Structure Check

Complete the table with the correct meaning or structure.

Verb	Meaning	Structure	Example
have	arrange for something to be done	have + object + past participle	I had my hair cut.
get	arrange / persuade	get + object + past participle / get + person + to + verb	She got her laptop repaired.
make	_____	make + person + bare infinitive	The film made me cry.
let	allow	_____	They let us leave early.
help	assist	help + person + verb / to + verb	He helped me finish the work.

B. Choose the Correct Form

Circle or underline the correct answer.

1. My parents let me (go / to go) to the concert.
2. The teacher made us (rewrite / to rewrite) the essay.
3. I need to get my laptop (repair / repaired).
4. She got her brother (help / to help) her with the boxes.
5. We had the kitchen (paint / painted) last month.
6. The students were made (wait / to wait) outside.
7. This app helps learners (improve / to improving) their pronunciation.
8. The hotel let us (leave / to leave) our bags at reception.
9. I had my passport (renew / renewed) before the trip.
10. The bad news made her (feel / to feel) anxious.

C. Complete the Sentences

Use the correct causative structure. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1. I am going to _____ (my hair / cut) tomorrow.
2. We finally _____ (the plumber / fix) the leak.
3. The manager _____ (everyone / stay) late on Friday.

4. My sister _____ (me / borrow) her camera.
5. The worksheet _____ (me / understand) the grammar better.
6. They _____ (their house / decorate) before Christmas.
7. I _____ (my wallet / steal) on the train.
8. She _____ (her son / tidy) his room before dinner.
9. The school does not _____ (students / use) phones in class.
10. A good teacher can _____ (students / become) more confident.

D. Correct the Mistakes

Each sentence contains one mistake. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. She made me to apologise for being late.
Correct sentence: _____
2. My parents let me to stay out until midnight.
Correct sentence: _____
3. I got my hair cutted yesterday.
Correct sentence: _____
4. We were made wait for more than an hour.
Correct sentence: _____
5. He got his friend help him with the project.
Correct sentence: _____
6. The teacher allowed us leave early.
Correct sentence: _____
7. I had a mechanic to repair my car.
Correct sentence: _____
8. This exercise helped me understanding causative verbs.
Correct sentence: _____

E. B2 First-Style Sentence Transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. Someone repaired my phone yesterday.
HAD
I _____ yesterday.
2. The teacher forced Jack to apologise.
MADE
The teacher _____.
3. My parents allowed me to go to the party.
LET
My parents _____.
4. She persuaded her brother to help her move house.
GOT
She _____ move house.
5. Someone is painting our kitchen next week.
HAVING

We _____ next week.

6. They forced us to wait for two hours.

MADE

We _____ for two hours.

7. The company asked a designer to create a new logo.

HAD

The company _____.

8. My friend helped me prepare for the interview.

HELPED

My friend _____ for the interview.

9. Someone stole my wallet on the train.

HAD

I _____ on the train.

10. The hotel allowed us to leave our bags at reception.

LET

The hotel _____ at reception.

11. I persuaded my neighbour to water my plants while I was away.

GOT

I _____ my plants while I was away.

12. They forced the workers to sign the new agreement.

MADE

The workers _____ the new agreement.

F. Word Order Practice

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences with causative verbs.

1. had / I / repaired / my bike / last weekend / .

2. made / The noise / everyone / look up / .

3. to explain / got / I / the assistant / the problem / .

4. let / The teacher / use / us / dictionaries / .

5. helped / revise / me / My friend / for the test / .

G. Mini Writing Task

Write 6–8 sentences about a time you arranged a service, received help, or were allowed/forced to do something. Try to use at least four causative structures.

Answer Key

A. Structure Check

make = force / require

let = let + person + bare infinitive

B. Choose the Correct Form

1. go; 2. rewrite; 3. repaired; 4. to help; 5. painted; 6. to wait; 7. improve; 8. leave; 9. renewed; 10. feel.

C. Complete the Sentences

1. have/get my hair cut

2. got the plumber to fix / had the plumber fix

3. made everyone stay

4. let me borrow

5. helped me understand / helped me to understand

6. had/got their house decorated

7. had my wallet stolen

8. made/got her son to tidy (depending on meaning: forced/persuaded)

9. let students use / allow students to use

10. help students become / help students to become

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2. My parents let me stay out until midnight.

3. I got my hair cut yesterday.

4. We were made to wait for more than an hour.

5. He got his friend to help him with the project.

6. The teacher allowed us to leave early. / The teacher let us leave early.

7. I had a mechanic repair my car.

8. This exercise helped me understand / to understand causative verbs.

E. B2 First-Style Sentence Transformations

1. I had my phone repaired yesterday.

2. The teacher made Jack apologise.

3. My parents let me go to the party.

4. She got her brother to help her move house.
5. We are having our kitchen painted next week.
6. We were made to wait for two hours.
7. The company had a designer create a new logo.
8. My friend helped me prepare / to prepare for the interview.
9. I had my wallet stolen on the train.
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11. I got my neighbour to water my plants while I was away.
12. The workers were made to sign the new agreement.

F. Word Order Practice

1. I had my bike repaired last weekend.
2. The noise made everyone look up.
3. I got the assistant to explain the problem.
4. The teacher let us use dictionaries.
5. My friend helped me revise for the test.

Teacher's note

- For B2 First learners, focus especially on have/get something done, make someone do, let someone do, and passive be made to do.
- For C1 learners, ask students to explain the nuance between have, get, make, let and allow/permit.