

CAUSATIVE VERBS

have • get • make • let • help

Practice Worksheet — B2–C1

Name: _____ Date: _____

Quick reminder: have/get + object + past participle • get + person + to-infinitive • make/let + person + bare infinitive • help + person + (to) infinitive

1 Complete the sentences

Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. I had my laptop _____ yesterday because it kept crashing. (*repair*)
2. The teacher made us _____ the paragraph again. (*rewrite*)
3. We got our neighbour _____ the plants while we were away. (*water*)
4. My parents never let me _____ school without a good reason. (*miss*)
5. She helped me _____ the presentation before the meeting. (*prepare*)
6. They are having the windows _____ next week. (*replace*)
7. The film made everyone _____ at the end. (*cry*)
8. I finally got my brother _____ his room. (*tidy*)

2 Choose the correct option

1. She made me **to apologise / apologise** for being late.
2. We had the central heating **service / serviced** before winter.
3. He got his assistant **book / to book** the flights.
4. They let us **leave / to leave** early on Friday.
5. I need to get my passport **renew / renewed** before the trip.
6. The coach helped the players **to improve / improved** their technique.

3 Rewrite using a causative structure

Keep the meaning as close as possible to the original sentence.

1. A mechanic repaired my car yesterday.
I _____ yesterday.
2. The manager forced us to stay late.
The manager _____.
3. I persuaded Tom to check the figures.
I _____.
4. My parents allowed me to travel alone.
My parents _____.
5. A technician is installing our new internet connection tomorrow.
We _____ tomorrow.
6. Someone stole all her jewellery while she was on holiday.
She _____ while she was on holiday.

4 Find and correct the mistake

1. She made him to pay for the damage.

Correction: _____

2. I got my hair cutted last Saturday.

Correction: _____

3. They let the children to stay up late.

Correction: _____

4. We got the electrician fix the lights.

Correction: _____

5. He was made wait outside for an hour.

Correction: _____

6. I had my neighbour to feed the cat while I was away.

Correction: _____

5 Mixed challenge

Complete each sentence with one suitable causative verb and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. The company _____ all new employees _____ a safety course. (attend)
2. I'm going to _____ my eyes _____ this afternoon. (test)
3. She _____ her son _____ the shopping after some persuasion. (do)
4. The security guard wouldn't _____ us _____ the building. (enter)
5. A good example can _____ students _____ a difficult rule. (understand)
6. We _____ our roof _____ after the storm. (repair)

6 Cambridge-style transformations

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

1. Someone is decorating our living room this week.

HAVING We _____ this week.

2. The teacher forced James to rewrite his essay.

MADE The teacher _____ his essay.

3. I persuaded Mia to lend me her notes.

GOT I _____ me her notes.

4. They allowed us to use the staff entrance.

LET They _____ the staff entrance.

5. A hairdresser cut Nina's hair yesterday.

HAD Nina _____ yesterday.

6. The police forced the protesters to move back.

MADE The protesters _____ back by the police.

7 Personal practice

Write five true sentences about your life. Use a different causative verb in each sentence: have, get, make, let and help.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

8 Complete the dialogue

Use have, get, make, let or help in the correct form. More than one answer may be possible in one item.

A: Your kitchen looks completely different!

B: Yes, we _____ it renovated last month.

A: Did you do the painting yourselves?

B: No, we _____ a decorator do it. He was brilliant.

A: And those new lights?

B: I _____ my brother to install them because he is an electrician.

A: Lucky you! My brother never _____ me use his tools.

B: Mine does, but he always _____ me clean everything afterwards!

A: At least he _____ you save some money.

9 Writing challenge

Imagine you are preparing for an important event. Write 5–6 sentences about things you arrange, ask others to do, are allowed to do, or are required to do. Use at least four different causative structures.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

ANSWER KEY

1 Complete the sentences

1. repaired 2. rewrite 3. to water 4. miss 5. prepare / to prepare 6. replaced 7. cry 8. to tidy

2 Choose the correct option

1. apologise 2. serviced 3. to book 4. leave 5. renewed 6. to improve (also: improve)

3 Rewrite using a causative structure

1. I had/got my car repaired yesterday.
2. The manager made us stay late.
3. I got Tom to check the figures.
4. My parents let me travel alone.
5. We are having/getting our new internet connection installed tomorrow.
6. She had all her jewellery stolen while she was on holiday.

4 Find and correct the mistake

1. She made him pay for the damage.
2. I got my hair cut last Saturday.
3. They let the children stay up late.
4. We got the electrician to fix the lights.
5. He was made to wait outside for an hour.
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5 Mixed challenge

Possible answers: 1. made ... attend 2. have/get ... tested 3. got ... to do 4. let ... enter 5. help ... understand / to understand 6. had/got ... repaired

6 Cambridge-style transformations

1. are having our living room decorated 2. made James rewrite 3. got Mia to lend 4. let us use 5. had her hair cut 6. were made to move

7 Personal practice

Learners' own answers.

8 Complete the dialogue

Possible answers: had/got; had; got; lets; makes; helps.

9 Writing challenge

Learners' own answers.