

# 85 *have something done*

## 1 *have/get something done*

We use *have something done* (*have* + object + past participle) when somebody does something for us (something we want or ask them to do):

*Gerald has all his suits made for him.*  
(His tailor makes them.)

*We're going to have our kitchen painted.*  
(Decorators are going to do it.)

We can use this pattern with all tenses of *have* and make questions and negatives:

*Will they have their house painted next year?*

*What has she had done in the garden?*

*Have you had your hair cut?*

*We haven't had our car repaired yet.*

*We didn't have our house painted last year.*

**FORMALITY CHECK** In informal English we can use *get something done* with the same meanings:

*Your hair's lovely. Where do you get it cut? Can I get my car washed here?*

We also use *have/get something done* when somebody does something to us that we didn't want or ask for, often something bad.

*Sergei got his passport stolen yesterday.* (= A thief stole it.)

**!** We always use *have* (not *get*) *something done* in the present perfect tense:

~~*We've got our water supply disconnected.*~~

*✓ We've had our water supply disconnected.* (= The water company did it.)

## 2 *have somebody do something, get somebody to do something*

In formal English we use *have* + object + infinitive to talk about making someone do something:

*The customs officer had me open my suitcase.* (= He made me open my case.)

*I'm sorry about the mess in your room, sir. I'll have someone clean it immediately.*

In informal English we use *get* + object + *to* + infinitive with the same meaning:

*Gerald's getting him to make a suit. I got the children to clear out their rooms yesterday.*

If we tell a person to make something happen, we use the imperative:

*Teresa, have the new patients fill in forms, please.*

*When you go to the shop, get them to give your money back.*

The forms with *get* are more common in British English and the forms with *have* are more common in American English.

## 3 *need + -ing*

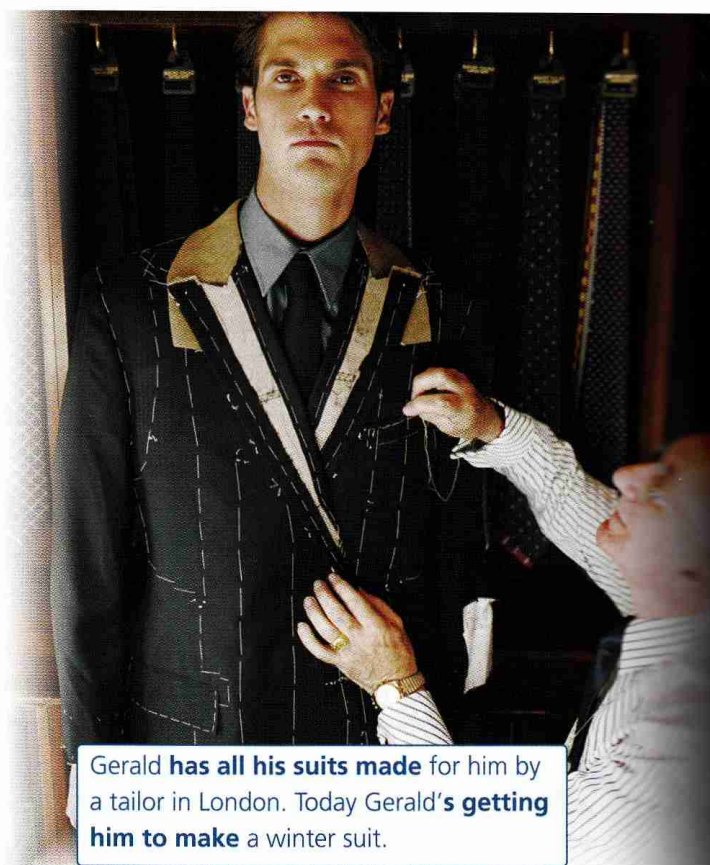
We can use an *-ing* form or infinitive after *need* in order to give a passive meaning:

*These dirty clothes need to be washed.* (= It is necessary for somebody to wash them.)

→ *These clothes need washing.*

*My hair is very long. It needs to be cut.* → *My hair needs cutting.*

More on *need* for necessity ➤ Unit 50



## Practice

- 1 Complete the sentences, using a form of *have*, *get* or *need* and suitable forms of the verbs in the box.

break ~~paint~~ show test wash

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- 0 Isabel *is having* ..... her nails *painted* .....
- 1 Karl ..... his eyes .....
- 2 That van .....
- 3 The police officer ..... me ..... him my driving licence.
- 4 Barry ..... his nose ..... in a boxing match last year.

- 2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read about the club and choose the correct words in *italics*.

4.39 Listen and check.

### THE SPOIL YOURSELF CLUB

• **What is the Spoil Yourself Club?**

The Spoil Yourself Club is there for your every need. Once you pay the \$10,000 membership fee you can call us at any time and get us (0) *arrange* / *to arrange* almost anything you want.

• **What can you get for me?**

We can get almost anything for you. For example, if you need a new designer dress for a special party we can have a top designer (1) *produce* / *produced* something for you within a few days. If you need a table at a five-star restaurant we can (2) *have had* / *have* the best table (3) *reserved* / *to reserve* for you at just an hour's notice. If you've had (4) *cancelled a flight* / *a flight cancelled*, we can get one of our pilots (5) *to fly* / *fly* you anywhere you desire in our private jet.

• **What about other services?**

If you've had a hard day at the office and just want a relaxing massage, we have a team of excellent therapists ready to help. You can have your hair and make-up (6) *to be done* / *done* by our expert beauticians. But we haven't forgotten about those everyday problems. So, if your central heating system breaks down we will get a plumber (7) *coming* / *to come* to your house in half an hour. If your car needs (8) *servicing* / *to service*, we can have a mechanic collect your car and return it to you later the same day.

- 3 Complete the sentences, using suitable forms of the words in brackets.

4.40 Listen and check.

- 0 Your room is filthy! *Get it cleaned up*... at once! (get / it / clean up)
- 1 I'm going grey, so I ..... every six weeks. (have / my hair / colour)
- 2 Cindy ..... while she was at the gym. (get / phone / steal)
- 3 Something is wrong with your TV. I think ..... (it / need / check)
- 4 ..... while you were out? (get / those documents / copy)
- 5 I ..... your bags up to your room now, sir. (have / the porter / take)
- 6 Excuse me. Can I ..... here? (get / my passport photos / take)

**TEST**

- 1 C 2 A 3 C 4 B 5 C 6 A 7 B 8 C  
 9 B 10 A 11 B 12 A 13 C 14 B 15 B  
 16 A 17 C 18 A 19 C 20 B

**Module 16****UNIT 83**

- 1** 1 have been turned off 2 will be sent an email tomorrow 3 isn't being made any more 4 have to be filled in 5 hasn't been repaired yet 6 is going to be closed for 24 hours
- 2** 1 are being counted 2 was built 3 to be repaired 4 will be finished 5 haven't been washed
- 3** 1 are being sent out 2 hasn't been invited 3 was paid 4 to be altered 5 had been reduced 6 is going to be filmed 7 will be taken 8 is being done
- 4** 1 made 2 the wood is cut 3 are mixed 4 are added 5 dried 6 leaves 7 This is then passed 8 The paper can then be cut
- 5** 1 It was organised by a group of well-known British and American musicians in July 1985.  
 2 It was designed by Michelangelo in the 1520s.  
 3 ✓  
 4 They are often bought by people who can't afford to buy real designer clothes.

**6 Model answers**

- 1 *My school was built last year.*  
 2 *My old photos are stored under the bed.*  
 3 *My favourite shirt is made of cotton.*  
 4 *My hair is usually cut by a hairdresser.*  
 5 *I don't like food that has been overcooked.*

**UNIT 84**

- 1** 1 Our proposal has been turned down by the committee.  
 2 That house was left to me by my grandfather.  
 3 Geraldine hasn't been given a pay rise.  
 4 Can this mobile phone be used in the USA?  
 5 That photo couldn't have been taken at our wedding.
- 2** 1 Potatoes were brought to Europe by the Spanish in the sixteenth century.  
 2 An American flag was taken to the moon by Neil Armstrong in 1969.  
 3 Hampton Court Palace was given to King Henry VIII by Thomas Wolsey in 1525.  
 4 Nelson Mandela was sent to prison by the South African government in 1962.  
 5 Louisiana was sold to the United States by France in 1803.
- 3** EXPERT Well this is an interesting fashion print. Did you buy it?  
 OWNER No, it was given to me <sup>by</sup> of my grandmother just before she died.  
 EXPERT So she was the person who bought it?  
 OWNER Not exactly. She found it. It had been left on the side of the road by somebody.  
 EXPERT How amazing. Tell me, is this the original frame?

OWNER No, I think it may have been changed when my grandparents moved house. They had a really good carpenter and he made new frames for all their pictures. It might have been been put into a new frame ~~from~~ by him.

EXPERT That's a pity. These prints are always worth more if they've been keep kept in their original frames. It shouldn't have been taken ~~of the original frame out~~ out of the original frame, really. But if it was ~~for sale~~ put up put up for sale I expect it might fetch several hundred pounds ...

**UNIT 85**

- 1** 1 is having/getting his eyes tested 2 needs washing/needs to be washed 3 had me show him/ got me to show him 4 had/got his nose broken
- 2** 1 produce 2 have 3 reserved 4 a flight cancelled 5 to fly 6 done 7 to come 8 servicing
- 3** 1 have my hair coloured 2 got her phone stolen 3 it needs checking/to be checked 4 Did you get those documents copied 5 will have the porter take 6 get my passport photos taken

**UNIT 86**

- 1** 1 A 2 A 3 B 4 B 5 A
- 2** 1 is said to be  
 2 not meant to smoke  
 3 is reported to have  
 4 was supposed to go to  
 5 are believed to be designed
- 3** 1 *We were meant to visit the stables today.*  
 2 *The work is expected to be finished/to finish in April.*  
 3 *It is considered to be the most beautiful room in the house.*  
 4 *Sir Henry Westmoor is believed to have died here.*  
 5 *It is said that he was killed by his own brother.*  
 6 *Queen Elizabeth I is thought to have slept here.*

**REVIEW**

- 1** 1 ~~must be not~~ must not be  
 2 ~~closed by our engineers down~~ closed down by our engineers  
 3 reserved ~~of~~ by/for  
 4 ~~be~~ is  
 5 ~~is arrived~~ arrives/has arrived  
 6 ~~to take~~ be taken  
 7 ~~borned~~ was born
- 2** 1 had eBay pay 2 had it repaired 3 need washing/to be washed 4 It is often argued 5 have the goods made 6 are thought to be
- 3** 1 A 2 B 3 A 4 A
- 4** 1 A 2 C 3 C 4 A 5 B 6 C 7 B 8 A 9 C 10 C

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