

USE HAVE / GET SOMETHING DONE

INTRODUCTION

Today, we are going to learn a very common structure in English:

Have / get something done.

We use it when **we do NOT do the action ourselves**, but **another person does it for us**, usually a professional.

Warm-up questions

- Do you cut your own hair or do you go to a barber?
- Do you repair your own phone?
- Who cleans your house?

Someone else does the action.

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Understand when and why to use have/get something done.
- Use the structure correctly in different tenses.
- Communicate real-life situations confidently.

✓ *What does have/get something done mean?*

We use this structure when:

- We arrange for another person to do a service for us.
- The subject is NOT the person who performs the action.

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GRAMMAR STRUCTURE

Structure:

Subject + have/get + object + past participle

Element	Function
Subject	The person
have / get	Main verb
object	The thing
past participle	The action

Examples:

- I had my hair cut.
- She gets her car repaired.
- We are having our house painted.
- I get my teeth checked every year.
- She has her eyebrows done.
- We had the air conditioner installed.
- They are getting their house cleaned.
- He got his passport renewed.

Important:

The verb is in **past participle**, NOT past simple.

✗ *I had my hair cutted*

✓ *I had my hair cut*

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HAVE vs GET

Have	Get
More formal	More informal
Very common in writing	Very common in spoken English

✓ Have and get (they mean the same thing):

- I **have** my hair cut.
- I **get** my hair cut.

✓ Both are grammatically correct:

- I **had** my phone fixed.
- I **got** my phone fixed.

TENSES & VARIATIONS

A. Present Simple

Subject	Example
I	I have / get my hair cut.
You	You have / get your phone fixed.
He	He has / gets his car repaired.
She	She has / gets her nails done.
It	It has its screen replaced.
We	We have / get our house cleaned.
They	They have / get their documents translated.

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B. Past Simple

Subject	Example
I	I had my hair cut yesterday.
You	You had your computer fixed last week.
He	He had his car repaired.
She	She got her dress altered.
We	We had our house painted last year.
They	They got their website redesigned.

C. Future (Will/Going to)

Structure	Example
Will	I will have my car washed tomorrow.
Going to	She is going to get her phone fixed.
	We are going to have our kitchen remodeled.

D. Questions and Negatives

? Questions

- Did you **have** your hair cut?
- Are you **getting** your car repaired?
- Will they **have** their house painted?

⊘ Negatives

- I **didn't** have my phone repaired.
- She **isn't** getting her nails done.
- We **won't** have the house painted.

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COMPARISON: ACTIVE vs HAVE/GET DONE

Active Voice	Have / Get Done
I cut my hair.	I had my hair cut.
She fixed the phone.	She got her phone fixed.
They painted the house.	They had the house painted.

COMMON SERVICES VOCABULARY

Service	Example
Cut hair	Have your hair cut
Repair phone	Get your phone repaired
Paint house	Have the house painted
Clean house	Get the house cleaned
Fix car	Have the car fixed

Use “have/get something done” when you pay for or request a service.

CONVERSATION: TALKING ABOUT SERVICES

Laura:

Hey, your hair looks great!

Daniel:

Thanks! I had it cut yesterday.

Laura:

Where did you go?

Daniel:

I went to a new barber. I also got my beard trimmed.

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Laura:

Nice! I need to **have my phone repaired**. The screen is broken.

Daniel:

Yeah, I **had mine fixed** last month.

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