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Basics. The Causative: Have Something Done

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Future tense | Infinitive | Modal verb | Object | Participle | Past tense | Phrase | Present tense | Verb | Passive voice | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Progressive tense | Word order

1. Complete the teenager's dramatic text message to their best friend. Select the grammatically correct option.

It's a disaster! I went to that cheap salon downtown and _____, and now I look like a sad poodle!

Select one.

A) had cut my hair
B) have my hair cut
C) got my hair cutting
D) had my hair cut

2. Read Agent 007.5's disastrous mission report to headquarters. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use the causative structure to describe his misfortunes.

Select all that apply.

A) I had my secret gadget stolen on the train.
B) I got my sunglasses broken during the chase.
C) I had stolen my secret gadget.
D) I had my passport steal by a pigeon.

3. Choose the correct phrase to complete the roommate's party-planning checklist.

Before the guests arrive on Friday, we definitely need to _____ by a professional service. This place is a mess!

Select one.

A) have the carpets cleaned
B) have cleaned the carpets
C) clean the carpets
D) have the carpets cleaning

4. A brave homeowner is updating a very haunted house. Review their renovation update and select ALL the grammatically correct sentences about the professional work being done.

Select all that apply.

A) We are having the spooky attic cleaned right now.
B) We have had the creepy basement windows replaced.
C) We are having the walls painting.
D) We have had replaced the creepy basement windows.

5. Complete the secret agent's surveillance report by choosing the correct verb form for each blank.

Next week, the villain will _____ the stolen diamonds _____ out of the country in a shipment of pineapples.

Furthermore, he has already _____ his secret island lair _____ to look exactly like an active volcano.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) has
B) have
C) had

Blank 2

A) smuggle
B) smuggling
C) smuggled

Blank 3

- **A)** have
- **B)** had
- **C)** having

Blank 4

- **A)** redecorate
- **B)** redecorating
- **C)** redecorated

6. Help Sarah plan her fabulous prom preparations! Select ALL the grammatically correct statements about what she is arranging for the big night.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** She is going to have her dress altered.
- **B)** She will get her hair styled by a professional.
- **C)** She is having her nails to paint.
- **D)** She will have altered her dress.

7. Help the stressed wedding planner organize her final checklist by choosing the correct verb form for each blank.

"We are _____ the giant floral archway _____ right now, so please tell the caterers not to walk there!"

"Also, I _____ the invitations _____ last month, but unfortunately, half of them got lost in the mail."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** have
- **B)** having
- **C)** will have

Blank 2

- **A)** build
- **B)** building
- **C)** built

Blank 3

- **A)** has
- **B)** had
- **C)** have had

Blank 4

- **A)** print
- **B)** printing
- **C)** printed

8. Complete the homeowner's desperate email to their friend about the recent repairs on their spooky old house.

"Last week, a ghost broke the living room window, so I had it _____.
Tomorrow, I'm having all the doors' locks _____ just in case the ghost tries to come back!
I also need to have the weird noises in the attic _____ out by a professional."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** replaced
- **B)** replace
- **C)** replacing

Blank 2

- **A)** changed
- **B)** change
- **C)** to change

Blank 3

- **A)** checked
- **B)** check
- **C)** checking

9. Help Agent 007 complete his mission report before heading into the field. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

I'm ready for the assignment, Chief. I _____ with the latest laser technology by the engineering department.

Select one.

- **A)** have equipped my watch
- **B)** have my watch equipping
- **C)** have had my watch equipped
- **D)** had my watch equip

10. Help the stressed bride mentally check off her wedding to-do list by choosing the correct verb forms.

"First, I need to have my dress _____.
Then, we are having the cake _____ straight to the venue.
Finally, I will have my hair _____ by a professional stylist so I don't look like a poodle!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** alter
- **B)** altered
- **C)** altering

Blank 2

- **A)** delivered
- **B)** deliver
- **C)** delivering

Blank 3

- **A)** done
- **B)** do
- **C)** did