

CAUSATIVE (HAVE / GET SOMETHING DONE)

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Grammar

We use the causative when another person does something for us.

Examples:

- I had my car repaired.
- She got her hair cut.

Activity 1: Rich or Busy?

Which jobs would most people pay someone else to do?

Tick (✓) three.

- Repair a broken roof
- Wash your dishes
- Install new windows
- Cut your fingernails
- Design a company website
- Fix a car engine

Activity 2: What Happened Here?

Look at the result and guess the service.

Result	Service
New curtains are hanging in the house.	?
The phone works again.	?
The garden looks completely different.	?
The walls are bright white.	?

Activity 3: Worth Paying For?

Discuss these services.

1. Having food delivered
2. Having a house cleaned
3. Having a website built
4. Having furniture assembled
5. Having laundry washed

Which would you happily pay for? Which would you do yourself?

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Answer Key

Activity 1: Rich or Busy?

Possible answers:

✓ Repair a broken roof

✓ Install new windows

✓ Design a company website

✓ Fix a car engine

(Other reasonable answers accepted.)

Activity 2: What Happened Here?

Possible answers:

- Had curtains installed.
- Got the phone repaired.
- Had the garden redesigned.
- Had the house painted.

Activity 3: Worth Paying For?

Answers will vary.

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