



Mini-lesson 48: Causative Form – *Have / Get / Make / Let*

Objective:

Learn to use **causative verbs** (have, get, make, let) to show that someone causes another person to do something for them — or allows it to happen.

Explanation:

1 Have / Get Something Done

Used when **you arrange for someone else to do something** for you.


Structure:


Have/Get + object + past participle

Subject	Have/Get	Object	Past Participle
I	had	my car	repaired
She	gets	her nails	done
We	had	the house	painted

Examples:

- I **had my hair cut** yesterday. (= Someone cut my hair.)
- We **got the living room painted** last weekend.
- He **has his suits dry-cleaned** every month.
- They **are getting their roof fixed** right now.

 **Have** is more common in formal or written English.

 **Get** is often used in informal spoken English.



2 Make + someone + base verb

Used when someone **forces or causes** another person to do something.

✓ Structure:

Make + person + verb (base form)

📄 Examples:

- The teacher **made us write** the test again.
- My parents **made me clean** my room.
- The movie **made her cry**.

🟡 The verb after **make** is always in the base form (no “to”).

3 Let + someone + base verb

Used when someone **allows** another person to do something.

✓ Structure:

Let + person + verb (base form)

📄 Examples:

- She **let her kids stay** up late.
- My boss **let me leave** early today.
- They **let us borrow** their car.



Practice 1 – Fill in the blanks with the correct causative form.

1. I _____ (my nails / do) every two weeks.
2. We _____ (our car / fix) yesterday.
3. The teacher _____ us _____ (do) extra homework.
4. My parents never _____ me _____ (go) to parties.
5. He _____ his house _____ (paint) last month.
6. The song _____ me _____ (cry).

Practice 2 – Rewrite the sentences using the causative.

1. A mechanic repaired his motorbike.
→ He _____.
2. Her boss allowed her to take a day off.
→ Her boss _____.
3. A designer made our new logo.
→ We _____.
4. His mom forced him to apologize.
→ His mom _____.
5. The kids cleaned the kitchen.
→ They _____.
6. The coach allowed the players to rest.
→ The coach _____.



✓ Answer Key

Practice 1:

1. get/have my nails done
2. had/got our car fixed
3. made us do
4. let me go
5. had/got his house painted
6. made me cry

Practice 2:

1. He had/got his motorbike repaired.
2. Her boss let her take a day off.
3. We had/got our new logo made.
4. His mom made him apologize.
5. They had/got the kitchen cleaned.
6. The coach let the players rest.