

Have something done

A

Study this example situation:



LISA

The roof of Lisa's house was **damaged**.
Yesterday a workman came and

Lisa **had** the roof repaired yesterday.

This means: Lisa arranged for **somebody** to repair the roof. She didn't repair it herself.

We use **have something done** to say that we arrange for somebody else to do something.
Compare:

- ☐ Lisa **repaired** the roof. (= she repaired it herself)
- Lisa **had** the roof **repaired**. (= she arranged for somebody else to repair it)
- ☐ 'Did you **make** those curtains yourself?' 'Yes, I enjoy making things.'
- 'Did you **have** those curtains **made**?' 'No, I made them myself.'

B

Be careful with word order. The **past participle** (repaired/cut etc.) is after the **object**.

have	object	past participle
Lisa had	the roof	repaired yesterday.
Where did you have	your hair	cut?
Your hair looks nice. Have you had	it	cut?
Our neighbour has just had	a garage	built.
We are having	the house	painted at the moment.
How often do you have	your car	serviced?
I think you should have	that coat	cleaned.
I don't like having	my photograph	taken.

C

Get something done

You can also say 'get something done' instead of 'have something done' (mainly in spoken English):

- ☐ When are you going to **get the roof repaired**? (= have the roof repaired)
- ☐ I think you should **get your hair cut** really short.

D

Sometimes **have something done** has a different meaning. For example:

- ☐ Paul and Karen **had all their money stolen** while they were on holiday.
- This does not mean that they arranged for somebody to steal their money. 'The money stolen' means only: 'All their money was stolen from them'.

With this meaning, we use **have something done** to say that something happens to their belongings. Usually what happens is not nice:

- ☐ Gary **had** his nose **broken** in a fight. (= his nose was broken)
- ☐ Have you ever **had** your passport **stolen**?

42.2

- 2 When was television invented?
- 3 How are mountains formed?
- 4 When was Pluto discovered?
- 5 What is silver used for?

42.3

- 3 covers
- 4 is covered
- 5 are locked
- 6 was posted ... arrived
- 7 sank ... was rescued
- 8 died ... were brought up
- 9 grew up
- 10 was stolen
- 11 disappeared
- 12 did Sue resign
- 13 was Bill sacked
- 14 is owned
- 15 called ... was injured ...
wasn't needed
- 16 were these photographs taken
... Did you take
- 17 'm not bothered / am not
bothered

42.4

- 2 All flights were cancelled
because of fog.
- 3 This road isn't used much.
- 4 I was accused of stealing
money.
- 5 How are languages
learned/learnt?
- 6 We were warned not to go out
alone.

UNIT 43

43.1

- 2 it can't be broken
- 3 it can be eaten
- 4 it can't be used
- 5 it can't be seen
- 6 it can be carried

43.2

- 3 be made
- 4 be spent
- 5 have been repaired
- 6 be carried
- 7 have been caused
- 8 be woken up
- 9 have been arrested

43.3

- 2 The meeting has been
postponed.
- 3 The computer is being used at
the moment.
- 4 I didn't realise that our
conversation was being
recorded.
- 5 ... we found that the game
had been cancelled.
- 6 A new ring road is being built
round the city.
- 7 A new hospital has been built
near the airport.

43.4

- 3 It's been stolen! / It has been
stolen!
- 4 Somebody has taken it. or
... taken my umbrella.
- 5 He's been promoted. / He has
been promoted.
- 6 It's being redecorated. / It is
being redecorated.
- 7 It's working again. / It is
working again. ... It's been
repaired. / It has been repaired.
- 8 The furniture had been
moved.
- 9 He hasn't been seen since
then.
- 10 I haven't seen her for ages.
- 11 Have you ever been mugged?

UNIT 44

44.1

- 2 I was asked some difficult
questions at the interview.
- 3 Linda was given a present by
her colleagues when she
retired.
- 4 I wasn't told about the
meeting.
- 5 How much will you be paid
for your work?
- 6 I think Tom should have been
offered the job.
- 7 Have you been shown what to
do?

44.2

- 2 being invited
- 3 being given
- 4 being knocked down
- 5 being treated
- 6 being stuck

44.3

- 2-6 Beethoven was born in 1770.
Agatha Christie was born in
1890.
Galileo was born in 1564.
Mahatma Gandhi was born in
1869.
Martin Luther King was born
in 1929.
Elvis Presley was born in
1935.
Leonardo da Vinci was born
in 1452.
William Shakespeare was
born in 1564.
- 7 I was born in ...

44.4

- 2 got stung
- 3 get used
- 4 got stolen
- 5 get paid
- 6 got stopped
- 7 get damaged
- 8 get asked

UNIT 45

45.1

- 2 The weather is expected to be
good tomorrow.
- 3 The thieves are believed to
have got in through a window
in the roof.
- 4 Many people are reported to
be homeless after the floods.
- 5 The prisoner is thought to
have escaped by climbing over
a wall.
- 6 The man is alleged to have
been driving at 110 miles an
hour.
- 7 The building is reported to
have been badly damaged by
the fire.
- 8 a The company is said to be
losing a lot of money.
b The company is believed to
have lost a lot of money
last year.
c The company is expected
to make a loss this year.

45.2

- 2 He is supposed to know a lot
of famous people.
- 3 He is supposed to be very rich.
- 4 He is supposed to have twelve
children.
- 5 He is supposed to have been
an actor when he was
younger.

45.3

- 2 You're / You are supposed to
be my friend.
- 3 I'm / I am supposed to be on
a diet.
- 4 It was supposed to be a joke.
- 5 Or maybe it's / it is supposed
to be a flower.
- 6 You're / You are supposed to
be working.

45.4

- 2 're / are supposed to start
- 3 was supposed to phone
- 4 aren't / 're not / are not
supposed to block
- 5 was supposed to arrive

UNIT 46

46.1

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 a
- 4 b

46.2

- 2 To have my jacket cleaned.
- 3 To have my watch repaired.
- 4 To have my eyes tested.

46.3

- 2 I had it cut.
- 3 They had it painted.
- 4 He had it built.
- 5 I had them delivered.

46.4

- 2 have another key made
- 3 had your hair cut
- 4 Do you have a newspaper delivered
- 5 're having / are having a garage built
- 6 haven't had the film developed
- 7 have it cleaned
- 8 have your ears pierced
- 9 've had it repaired / have had it repaired or had it repaired
- 11 had her handbag stolen
- 12 had his car vandalised

UNIT 47

47.1

- 2 He said (that) his father wasn't very well.
- 3 He said (that) Rachel and Mark were getting married next month.
- 4 He said (that) his sister had had a baby.
- 5 He said (that) he didn't know what Frank was doing.
- 6 He said (that) he'd seen / he had seen Helen at a party in June and she'd seemed / she had seemed fine. or He said (that) he saw Helen ... and she seemed ...
- 7 He said (that) he hadn't seen Diane recently.
- 8 He said (that) he wasn't enjoying his job very much.
- 9 He said (that) I could come and stay at his place if I was ever in London.
- 10 He said (that) his car had been stolen a few days ago. or ... his car was stolen a few days ago.
- 11 He said (that) he wanted to go on holiday, but (he) couldn't afford it.
- 12 He said (that) he'd tell / he would tell Chris he'd seen / he had seen me. or ... he saw me.

47.2

Example answers:

- 2 she wasn't coming / ... she was going somewhere else / ... she was staying at home
- 3 she didn't like him
- 4 you didn't know anybody

- 5 she wouldn't be here / ... she would be away / ... she was going away
- 6 you were staying at home / ... you weren't going out
- 7 you couldn't speak (any) French
- 8 you went to the cinema last week / ... you had been/gone to the cinema last week

UNIT 48

48.1

- 2 But you said you didn't like fish.
- 3 But you said you couldn't drive.
- 4 But you said she had a very well-paid job.
- 5 But you said you didn't have any brothers or sisters.
- 6 But you said you'd / you had never been to the United States.
- 7 But you said you were working tomorrow evening.
- 8 But you said she was a friend of yours.

48.2

- 2 Tell
- 3 Say
- 4 said
- 5 told
- 6 said
- 7 tell ... said
- 8 tell ... say
- 9 told
- 10 said

48.3

- 2 her to slow down
- 3 her not to worry
- 4 asked Tom to give me a hand or ... to help me
- 5 asked me to open my bag
- 6 asked him to get a newspaper
- 7 told him to mind his own business
- 8 asked her to marry him
- 9 told her not to wait (for me) if I was late

UNIT 49

49.1

- 2 Were you born there?
- 3 Are you married?
- 4 How long have you been married?
- 5 Have you got (any) children? or Do you have (any) children?
- 6 How old are they?
- 7 What do you do?
- 8 What does your wife do?

49.2

- 3 Who paid the bill?
 - 4 What happened?
 - 5 What did she/Diane say?
 - 6 Who does it / this book belong to?
 - 7 Who lives in that house? / Who lives there?
 - 8 What did you fall over?
 - 9 What fell on the floor?
 - 10 What does it / this word mean?
 - 11 Who did you borrow it / the money from?
 - 12 What are you worried about?
- 49.3**
- 2 How is cheese made?
 - 3 When was the computer invented?
 - 4 Why isn't Sue working today?
 - 5 What time are your friends coming?
 - 6 Why was the concert cancelled?
 - 7 Where was your mother born?
 - 8 Why didn't you come to the party?
 - 9 How did the accident happen?
 - 10 Why doesn't this machine work?

49.4

- 2 Don't you like him?
- 3 Isn't it good?
- 4 Haven't you got any? or Don't you have any?

UNIT 50

50.1

- 2 Could you tell me where the post office is?
- 3 I wonder what the time is.
- 4 I want to know what this word means.
- 5 Do you know what time they left?
- 6 I don't know if/whether Sue is going out tonight.
- 7 Do you have any idea where Caroline lives?
- 8 I can't remember where I parked the car.
- 9 Can you tell me if/whether there is a bank near here?
- 10 Tell me what you want.
- 11 I don't know why Kate didn't come to the party.
- 12 Do you know how much it costs to park here?
- 13 I have no idea who that woman is.
- 14 Do you know if/whether Liz got my letter?
- 15 Can you tell me how far it is to the airport?