Have Something Done — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. The shower wasn't working, so we had it _____ by a plumber.
   a) repaired b) repair c) repairing d) to repair

2. At the wedding we had our photo _____ by a professional photographer.
   a) took b) take c) taken d) taking

3. The sleeves of my new jacket were too long, so I _____ by a tailor.
   a) had shortened them b) shortened them c) had them shorten d) had them shortened

4. Before our long drive next week, we need to get the brakes _____.
   a) check b) checked c) checking d) to check

5. My grandparents had their house _____ in the 1970s, and they still live there.
   a) builded b) building c) been built d) built

6. Where _____ your suit made? It fits you perfectly.
   a) did you have b) had you c) have you d) did you

7. We _____ the windows cleaned since March, so they're really dirty.
   a) didn't have b) haven't c) hadn't d) haven't had

8. I'll have my assistant _____ you the details this afternoon.
   a) to send b) send c) sent d) sends

9. I couldn't carry the sofa upstairs alone, so I got my neighbour _____ me.
   a) to help b) help c) helped d) to helping

10. My laptop keeps crashing, so I'm going to get _____ at a repair shop.
    a) fixed it b) it fixed c) it fix d) it to fix

11. We _____ a new kitchen installed at the moment, so we're eating out a lot.
    a) have had b) were having c) are had d) are having

12. I've never _____ my ears pierced — I'm too scared of needles.
    a) had b) have c) did d) having

13. When I called, she was _____ her nails done, so she couldn't talk.
    a) had b) have c) having d) being

14. Poor Sam _____ his wallet stolen while he was waiting for the bus.
    a) was b) had c) has d) did

15. We had two trees _____ down in the storm last night.

a) blew b) blowed c) blown d) been blown

16. We _____ two flights cancelled since January, so this time we're going by train.

a) had b) have c) were d) have had

17. Where did you _____ your boots _____? They look brand new.

a) got … repaired b) get … repair c) get … repaired d) got … repair

18. If you order before noon, you can have the sofa _____ the same day.

a) delivered b) deliver c) delivering d) to deliver

19. The printer still doesn't work. Why _____ it repaired last week?

a) hadn't you b) haven't you had c) didn't you have d) didn't you

20. That cough sounds terrible — you really should _____ by a doctor.

a) have it checked b) have checked it c) check it d) have it check

21. We _____ the walls ourselves, but we _____ the floor done by a professional.

a) painted … made b) painted … did c) were painted … had d) painted … had

22. My laptop _____ stolen last month, and then my sister _____ her phone stolen.

a) had … had b) was … was c) was … had d) had … was

23. I had the mechanic _____ the engine, and I had the tyres _____ too.

a) checked … changed b) check … changed c) check … change d) to check … changed

24. My boss had me _____ the whole report, so this time I got a friend _____ it.

a) rewrite … to check b) to rewrite … to check c) rewrite … check d) rewritten … to check

25. Tom _____ his own bike for years, but last month he _____ it repaired at a shop.

a) has had fixed … had b) has fixed … had c) has fixed … has had d) has … had

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) We had cleaned our carpets by a local company.
b) We had our carpets cleaned by a local company.
c) We had our carpets clean by a local company.
d) We were cleaned our carpets by a local company.

27. Which question is correct?

a) How often have you your teeth checked?
b) How often do you have checked your teeth?
c) How often do you have your teeth checked?
d) How often do you have your teeth check?

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) I finally got the landlord to fix the heating.
b) I finally got the landlord fix the heating.
c) I finally got the landlord fixed the heating.
d) I finally got fixed the heating by the landlord.

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) Last night he was towed his car away.
b) Last night he had his car tow away.
c) Last night he has had his car towed away.
d) Last night he had his car towed away.

30. Which sentence is correct?

a) The coach had us to stay an extra hour.
b) The coach had us stay an extra hour.
c) The coach had us stayed an extra hour.
d) The coach had stayed us an extra hour.

Answer Key

Have Something Done · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/causative-have-get/

1. a) repaired

The plumber did the job, so the pattern is have + object + past participle: had it repaired.

2. c) taken

After have + object comes the third form: take – took – taken.

3. d) had them shortened

The tailor did the work, so the object comes before the participle: had them shortened.

4. b) checked

Get works like have: get + object + past participle — get the brakes checked.

5. d) built

Builders did the work, so have + object + the third form: build – built – built.

6. a) did you have

In this pattern have is a main verb, so a past question needs did: Where did you have your suit made?

7. d) haven't had

Since March runs up to now, so the present perfect: haven't had the windows cleaned.

8. b) send

Have + person + base form, with no to: I'll have my assistant send you… The assistant does the action, so not the participle sent; to send is the…

9. a) to help

Get + person + to + base form: got my neighbour to help me.

10. b) it fixed

The object comes before the participle: get it fixed.

11. d) are having

At the moment shows the work is going on now, so have goes into the present continuous: we are having a new kitchen installed.

12. a) had

After I've never comes the past participle of have, which is had: I've never had my ears pierced.

13. c) having

When I called points to an action in progress, so the past continuous of have: was having her nails done.

14. b) had

Something bad was done to Sam, and he is the subject, so have + object + participle: had his wallet stolen.

15. c) blown

The storm did the damage, so have + object + the third form: blow – blew – blown.

16. d) have had

Since January counts up to now, so the present perfect of have: have had two flights cancelled.

17. c) get … repaired

After did, the verb get stays in the base form, and the boots take the participle: did you get them repaired.

18. a) delivered

The shop will deliver it for you, so have + object + past participle: have the sofa delivered.

19. c) didn't you have

Last week is finished, so a past simple question with did: Why didn't you have it repaired?

20. a) have it checked

Advice about now: should + have + object + participle — should have it checked.

21. d) painted … had

Ourselves shows we did the painting, so the active painted.

22. c) was … had

With the thing as the subject, use the passive: My laptop was stolen.

23. b) check … changed

A person after have does the job, so the base form: had the mechanic check.

24. a) rewrite … to check

Have + person + base form: had me rewrite.

25. b) has fixed … had

The contrast with the shop shows Tom usually does the job himself, and for years runs up to now: active has fixed.

26. b) We had our carpets cleaned by a local company.

The company did the cleaning, so the object goes before the participle: had our carpets cleaned.

27. c) How often do you have your teeth checked?

Have is a main verb here, so the question takes do: How often do you have your teeth checked?

28. a) I finally got the landlord to fix the heating.

Get + person + to + base form: got the landlord to fix the heating.

29. d) Last night he had his car towed away.

Last night is finished, so the past simple had + object + participle: had his car towed away.

30. b) The coach had us stay an extra hour.

Have + person + base form, with no to: had us stay an extra hour.