

1 Replace the phrase underlined with the structure have something done.

- a. I didn't recognise Sheila. The hairdresser's dyed her hair.

- b. I've been getting a lot of annoying phone calls, so the telephone company is going to change my number.

- c. Gabrielle broke her leg six weeks ago but she's much better now. In fact the doctors will be taking the plaster off tomorrow.

- d. Since Ron made a lot of money, he's not content with this little cottage, so an architect's designed him a fine new house.

- e. This room gets too hot when the sun shines so I'm getting someone to fit blinds on the windows.

- f. I heard that Mrs Green didn't trust her husband so she hired a detective to follow him.

- g. We don't really know what Shakespeare looked like. I wish he had asked someone to paint his portrait before he died.

- h. My sister had always been self-conscious about her nose so she decided to go to a clinic for an operation which will straighten it.

2 Read the situations and make sentences using a causative structure.

- a. There was a bank robbery at the bank this morning.
The robbers | make | the staff | lie | floor.

- b. It was the first time she asked her mother to comb her hair.
She | never | have | hair | comb | before.

- c. Sam's parents always tell him to clean his boots.
He | always | make | clean | shoes.

- d. I couldn't repair my car by myself and I needed it last week.
I | have to | get | mechanic | repair | it.

- e. The cruel teachers don't allow the students to drink or take drugs.
The cruel teachers | not let | the students | drink or take drugs.

- f. The old man is going to receive a letter that looks like a letter-bomb and he doesn't want to open it.
The old husband | get | the letter-bomb | open.

Key

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- a. Sheila has had her hair dyed.
- b. I'm going to have my number changed. / I've had my number changed.
- c. Gabrielle will have the plaster taken off tomorrow. / Gabrielle will be having the plaster taken off tomorrow.
- d. Ron had a fine new house designed.
- e. I'm having blinds fitted on the windows.
- f. Mrs Green had *her husband/him* followed.
- g. I wish he had had his portrait painted.
- h. She decided to have it straightened. / She will have it straightened.

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- a. The robbers made the staff lie on the floor.
- b. She had never had her hair combed before.
- c. He is always made to clean his shoes.
- d. I had to get a mechanic to repair it.
- e. The cruel teachers don't let the students drink or take drugs.
- f. The old husband will get the letter-bomb opened.