

Lesson 22. Causatives

Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students will be able to:

- Define what causatives are.
- Formulate sentences with causative verb let.
- Formulate sentences with causative verb get.
- Formulate sentences with causative verb make.
- Formulate sentences with causative verb help.
- Apply knowledge of causative verbs in familiar and unfamiliar situations.

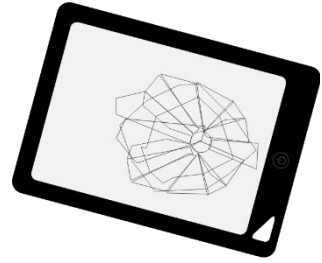
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The **causatives** are the verbs that are used to indicate that one person causes another person to do something for the first person. One can cause somebody to do something for him/her by asking, paying, requesting, or forcing the person.

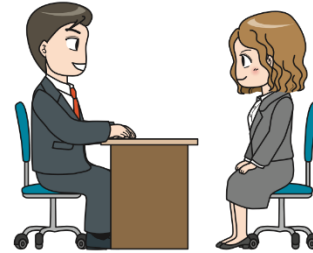
Examples:



Will you **let** me use your computer?



She will **have** her iPad repaired tomorrow.



Her boss **made** her accept the project.



She **got** her hair dyed pink.

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Let = permit something to happen

Structure: LET + PERSON/THING + VERB (base form)

- I don't **let** my kids **watch** violent movies.
- Mary's father won't **let** her **adopt** a puppy because he's allergic to dogs.
- Our boss doesn't **let** us **eat** lunch at our desks; we have to eat in the cafeteria.
- Oops! I wasn't paying attention while cooking, and I **let** the food **burn**.
- Don't **let** the advertising expenses **surpass** \$1000.

Remember: The past tense of **let** is also **let**; there is no change!

Note: The verbs **allow** and **permit** are more formal ways to say "let." However, with **allow** and **permit**, we use **to + verb**:

- I don't **allow** my kids **to watch** violent movies.
- Our boss doesn't **permit** us **to eat** lunch at our desks.

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Answer the following questions:



What were and weren't you allowed to do when you were still a child?



What are employees usually permitted and not to do inside the office premises.



What is something you wish you are permitted to do?

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Make = force or require someone to take an action

Structure: MAKE + PERSON + VERB (base form)

- After Billy broke the neighbor's window, his parents **made** him **pay** for it.
- My ex-boyfriend loved sci-fi and **made** me **watch** every episode of his favorite show.
- The teacher **made** all the students **rewrite** their papers, because the first drafts were not acceptable.

Note: When using the verbs **force** and **require**, we must use **to + verb**.

- The school **requires** the students **to wear** uniforms.
“Require” often implies that there is a rule.
- The hijacker **forced** the pilots **to take** the plane in a different direction.
“Force” often implies violence, threats, or extremely strong pressure

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Complete the table below:

Slow internet	makes	me	lose my cool.
	always makes		sleep late.
	will eventually make	most children	
	used make	me	
	doesn't/don't make		- at all.
	made	people	- in the past.

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Have = give someone else the responsibility to do something

Structure:

HAVE + PERSON + VERB (base form)

HAVE + THING + PAST PARTICIPLE OF VERB

- I'll **have** my assistant **call** you to reschedule the appointment.
- The businessman **had** his secretary **make** copies of the report.
- I'm going to **have** my hair **cut** tomorrow.
- We're **having** our house **painted** this weekend.

Note: In informal speech, we often use **get** in these cases:

- I'm going to **get** my hair **cut** tomorrow.
- We're **getting** our house **painted** this weekend.
- Bob **got** his teeth **whitened**; his smile looks great!
- My washing machine is broken; I need to **get** it **repaired**.

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**What would have the genie in the lamp do for you?
Remember, you have three wishes.**

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Get = convince or encourage someone to do something

Structure: GET + PERSON + TO + VERB

- How can we **get** all the employees **to arrive** on time?
- My husband hates housework; I can never **get** him **to wash** the dishes!
- I was nervous about eating sushi, but my brother **got** me **to try** it at a Japanese restaurant.
- The non-profit **got** a professional photographer **to take** photos at the event for free.

Help = assist someone in doing something

Structure: HELP + PERSON + VERB (base form)

HELP + PERSON + TO + VERB

- He **helped** me **carry** the boxes.
- He **helped** me **to carry** the boxes.
- Reading before bed **helps** me **relax**.
- Reading before bed **helps** me **to relax**.

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Change the sentences to use the structures ‘have someone do something’ or ‘get someone to do something’. Each one starts with ‘I’.

1. The cleaner cleaned the house. (have)
2. The taxi driver collected us. (have)
3. John arrived on time. (get)
4. The mechanic fixed the brakes. (have)
5. The teacher explained the lesson. (have)
6. My husband looked after our children. (get)
7. The waiter brought some water. (have)
8. The nurse took your temperature. (have)
9. The students stopped sleeping in class. (get)
10. The teenagers went to bed early. (get)
11. The dentist cleaned my teeth. (have)
12. My friend took her car. (get)
13. The window cleaner washed the windows. (have)
14. The toddler ate her vegetables. (get)
15. The teacher checked my writing. (get)
16. The secretary typed the report. (have)
17. The shop assistant gave me a discount. (get)
18. The shop delivered the food. (have)
19. The children did their homework. (get)
20. My colleague helped me write the report. (get)

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Let's talk about motivation and support. What encouragement and assistance do we usually get from these people?



parents



siblings



grandparents



colleagues



civil servants



friends

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Supply the correct form of words in the parenthesis.

1. Instead of buying a new bicycle, why don't you have your old one ___? (fix)
2. Can you help me ___ my living room next weekend? (paint)
3. My mom always makes me ___ my room on Saturday mornings. (clean up)
4. My little girl wants us to let her ___ overnight at her friend's place. (stay)
5. We had our landlord ___ the broken window. (fix)
6. We got the computer guy ___ the new software for us. (install)
7. My friend lets me ___ his car sometimes. (borrow)
8. I can help you ___ into your new apartment if you want. (move)
9. Your car engine is making some strange sounds. Why don't you have a mechanic ___ at it? (look)
10. Her parents don't let her ___ out late on school nights. (stay)
11. Why don't you let me ___ supper tonight? You can have a rest. (cook)
12. My boss made me ___ overtime every day last week. (work)
13. We should get Ben ___ us some concert tickets when he goes to get his. (buy)
14. Why don't you let me ___ you around our new house? (show)
15. We've got to get our neighbors ___ having loud parties every weekend. (stop)

The End