

Lesson Plan: Causative form

Level: Intermediate (B1/B2)

Time: 60 minutes

Topic: Causative form – have/get something done

Objectives:

- Students will understand the structure and meaning of the causative form.
- Students will be able to form sentences using have/get something done in different tenses.
- Students will practice using the form in real-life contexts.

1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

Activity: Class discussion

Ask:

- "Do you ever go to the hairdresser?"
- "Do you fix your own car or take it somewhere?"

Write student answers on the board and introduce the idea: "Sometimes we don't do things ourselves—we get someone else to do them."

2. Presentation (15 minutes)

Explain the structure:

Have/Get + object + past participle

- Have: More common in written and formal English
- Get: More informal/conversational

Examples:

- *I had my hair cut yesterday.*
- *She's getting her car repaired.*
- *They will have the house painted next month.*

Highlight:

- This is different from active causatives like "make/let/have someone do something".

Use a timeline or chart to show how tense changes:

Tense	Example
Present	I have my car washed.
Past	I had my car washed.
Future	I will have my car washed.
Present Perfect	I've had my car washed.

3. Practice (15 minutes)

Controlled Practice (Gap fill):

Provide sentences with blanks. Example:

1. She _____ (have) her nails _____ (do) every week.
2. We _____ (get) our house _____ (paint) last summer.

Pair Work:

Students ask each other questions using prompts:

- Have you ever had your phone fixed?
- Are you going to get your room decorated?

4. Production (15 minutes)

Task: Create a short dialogue or role play.

Scenario ideas:

- At a salon

- Hiring someone to clean the house
- Planning home repairs

Pairs perform their dialogues using at least 3 causative sentences.

5. Wrap-Up & homework (5 minutes)

Recap key points:

- Structure of have/get something done
- Differences in tone (formal/informal)

Homework:

Write a paragraph describing a day when you had several things done (e.g., hair, car, housework). Use at least 5 causative sentences.