CAUSATIVE FORM

We use causative form to say that someone else does the action for us.

HAVE/GET SOMETHING DONE

ACTIVE: Sally tidies her room once a week. (By herself)

PASSIVE: Sally’s room is tidied once a week. (Focus on the action)

CUSATIVE: Sally has her room tidied once a week. (Someone else does it for her)

When we want to focus on the person who does the action for us

1. Have + somebody + bare infinitive

Ex. Sally has her mum tidy her room. (της το ζητησε)

2. Get + somebody + full infinitive

Ex. Sally gets her mum to tidy her room. (την επεισε)

 3. a. Make + somebody + bare infinitive

Ex. Sally makes her mum tidy her room. (την αναγκασε)

b. Let + somebody + bare infinitive

Ex. My boss didn’t let me take the day off.

EXERCISE A.

1. The gardener is planting some apple trees for me.

2. My secretary has already typed the contract.

3. Can’t the workmen build another floor on Mr. Wilk’s house?

4. Tell the barber to cut your hair short.

5. The photographer has not developed my holiday snaps yet.

6. The hairdresser is going to dye Sarah’s hair blond.

7. How often does the garage service your car?

8. I don’t like the office curtains. I’m going to ask someone to change them.

9. My camera is being repaired at the moment.

10. Someone sends the money to my bank account in London.

EXERCISE B.

1. I am going to have Mike …………… my computer to see what’s wrong.

a. look at b. to look at c. looked at

2. One of my wisdom teeth hurt; so I went to the dentist …………..

a. to have it remove b. to have it removed c. to have it to be removed

3. Are you going to……………like this?

a. let him to suffer b. allow him suffer c. let him suffer

4. Jimmy is dead. The mafia boss ……………

a. had killed b. had him killed c. had him to be killed

5. Julie will not ………the boy from across the street

a. let her daughter marry b. let her daughter to marry c. let her daughter married

6. The movie ……………sad

a. made to feel b. made him feel c. made him to feel

7. I can’t get him …………doing that

a. to stop b. stop c. stopping

8. Have him…………..me

a. to call b. call c. called

9. Why did you let him ………..that?

a. to do b. doing c. do

10. Please make him ……….. doing that

a. to stop b. stop c. stopped