

Intermediate 3
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The Causative Structure

Active Causative Structure:
have somebody do something
get somebody to do something
make somebody do something

Passive Causative Structure:
have something done
get something done
be made to do something

When we use the active causative structure, we mention the person who has done something for us, but when we use the passive causative structure, we don't mention that person and we just refer to the fact that something has been done for us.

Examples:

Active	Passive
have somebody do something	have something done
Mr. Eliot had a mechanic repair his car.	Mr. Eliot had his car repaired .
Andy will have a pharmacist fill Bob's prescription.	Andy will have Bob's prescription filled .
get somebody to do something	get something done
Mrs. Jackson got a hairdresser to style her hair.	Mrs. Jackson got her hair styled .
Andy will get a photographer to develop Bob's film.	Andy will get Bob's film developed .
make somebody do something	be made to do something
The teacher made the students stay half an hour longer than usual at school.	The students were made to stay at school half an hour longer than usual.
The commander made the soldiers march .	The soldiers were made to march .

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