

LESSON 90

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to have something done

homework

The structure "to have something done" communicates that we do not do the action ourselves, but that somebody else does it for us. For example, "I do not cut my hair myself; I have my hair cut by the hairdresser". Instead of saying "John is going to repair my computer for me", we can say "I am going to have my computer repaired by John".

What does the structure "to have something done" communicate?

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Give me an example, please.

I don't cut my hair myself;
I have my hair cut by a hairdresser

Do you clean your shoes yourself or do you have them cleaned by someone else?

I clean my shoes myself
~ I don't clean my shoes myself;
I have them cleaned by someone else

Instead of the verb "to have" we can use the verb "to get". For example, "I got my hair cut yesterday".

What can we use instead of the verb "to have"?

We can use the verb "to get" instead of ...

Do very young children sometimes get their homework done for them by their parents?

Yes, very young children ...

power

powerful

laptop

desktop

Do you think governments generally have too much power?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

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I think ... is the most ...

Do laptops use more power than desktop computers?

No,
laptops don't ...