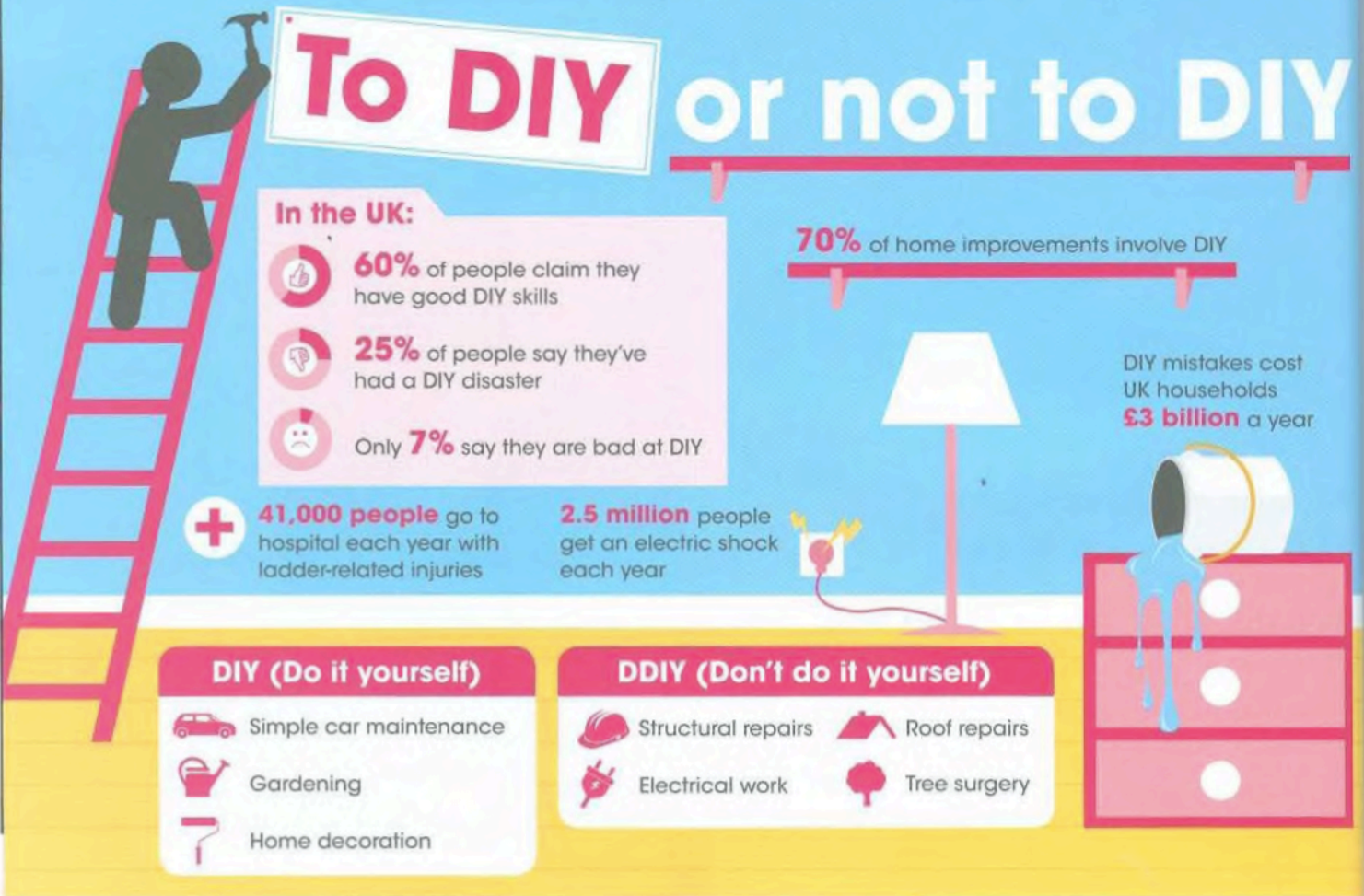


6.2 Get someone else to do it



GRAMMAR Causatives

- Work in pairs and answer the questions.
 - Do you like decorating or fixing things yourself (things at home, bicycles, computers, etc.)? Are you good at DIY?
 - Are there any jobs that you wouldn't do? Why not?
- Look at the infographic. What is the overall message that it is trying to give? What examples support this message?
- 23 Listen to two people discussing DIY facts. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?
 - The woman's brother-in-law had an accident with a ladder.
 - He needed to have a minor operation at the hospital.
 - The woman feels it was a job for an electrician.
 - The man is going to have his bathroom professionally painted.
 - The woman never tries to inflate the car tyres herself.
 - The woman's brother-in-law didn't fix the light.
- Read the sentences (1–7) in the Grammar box. Answer the questions (a–d).

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- He had to go to the hospital so he could **have his fingers stitched**.
 - I wanted to **get our bathroom repainted**.
 - He had to **get my sister to drive him to the hospital**.
 - It seems crazy to **have a professional do it**.
 - He **couldn't get the light in the attic to work**.
 - He **got his fingers caught in an attic trap door**.
 - He managed to **get the light fixed**.
- a In sentences 1 and 2, who will do the 'stitching' and 'repainting'? Are *have* and *get* interchangeable?
- b In sentences 3 and 4, what is the difference in the form of the verb that follows *get* and *have*?
- c In sentences 5 and 6, can you use *have* instead of *get*? Why? / Why not?
- d In sentence 7, what is the difference in meaning if you use *have*?

Check your answers on page 153 and do Exercises 1–3.

- 5 Rewrite the sentences using a causative form. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets. In which sentences could you use either *get* or *have*?
- 1 A professional landscape gardener redesigned our garden. (have)
We _____.
 - 2 The roof is being repaired next week. (get)
We _____.
 - 3 Our washing machine needs fixing. (get)
We _____.
 - 4 The car wouldn't start this morning. (get)
I _____.
 - 5 Someone should look at your boiler, I think. (have)
I think you _____.
 - 6 Look. The vacuum cleaner's working now. (get)
I'm very proud that I _____.
 - 7 His head became stuck between the railings and we had to call the fire brigade. (get)
He _____ and we had to call the fire brigade.
 - 8 She finished decorating two walls but not the others. (get)
She managed _____.

- 6 Choose the best option to complete the sentences. Give reasons for your choice.

- 1 He *got / had* his foot wedged under the washing machine while he was trying to move it.
- 2 I managed to *get / have* all the preparation done, but I haven't started the work itself.
- 3 I couldn't *have the key fit / get the key to fit* in the lock.
- 4 I *got / had* my clothes covered in oil when I was fixing my bike.
- 5 How do you block unwanted calls? I *got / had* it explained to me once, but I've forgotten.



- 7 Work in pairs. Tell each other about two DIY jobs you are proud of doing and two jobs that you got someone else to do.

- 8 Complete the details of this anecdote. Then compare anecdotes with another pair.

My _____ broke so I got a _____ to _____.
But when he / she was _____ he / she _____ and _____. In the end I had to _____.

LANGUAGE FOCUS Expressions with *go* and *get*

- 9 23 Look at the sentences (1–3) from the conversation in Exercise 3. Choose the correct option to complete them. Then listen and check.

- 1 Did you know that a lot of people *go / get* injured doing DIY?
- 2 There are always so many little things in the house that *go / get* wrong.
- 3 I *go / get* confused when I have to put air in the tyres.

See page 153 for more information about expressions with *go* and *get*, and do Exercise 4.

- 10 Complete the sentences using the correct form of *go* or *get*.

- 1 If you work with loud tools and machines all the time you risk _____ deaf.
- 2 I try not to _____ involved in decisions about interior design – my wife's much better at that.
- 3 The move was _____ fine until Katya's jewellery box _____ missing.
- 4 I'm _____ crazy trying to put this wardrobe together. The instructions are really confusing.
- 5 Don't _____ upset if things _____ wrong.
- 6 If you _____ started on painting the walls, I'll _____ ready to paint the woodwork.
- 7 I've been trying to fix this light for hours and I'm _____ nowhere with it.
- 8 This fridge is so old that it's _____ yellow. It used to be bright white.

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Work in pairs. Look at the list of jobs that people pay other people to do. Add four more jobs.

- clothes shopping
- cleaning the house
- walking the dog
- organizing a holiday
- doing the gardening
- organizing your wedding
- cooking

- 12 Work with another pair. Compare your lists. If money was no object, which jobs would you get someone else to do for you? Which would you still do yourself? Give reasons.