

Role-play: Get / have something done
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FUN WITH GRAMMAR TEACHER'S NOTES

Level: Intermediate
Target age: Secondary / adult
Time needed: 20 minutes
Grammar objective: to practise using 'get / have something done'
Materials: one role card for each student
Summary: This role-play activity for the whole class practises the correct use of 'have / get something done'.

Before the lesson

Download enough worksheets so that each student will have their own role card. Cut out the cards.

Procedure

1. Tell the students that the whole class is going to play a role-play game.
2. Give each student a role card that they must not show to anyone else / any of the other students.
3. Explain that in the role-play they are all professionals and need to understand what their job title means. At this stage, you should ask students who are not sure what their job title means to lift their hands – you can then whisper an explanation to each of them.
4. Explain to the students that they have a list of three things to get done next week. The object of the activity is to find the specific people who can help them and to make appointments. Stress that the aim of the exercise is to practise using the expression 'have / get something done'.
5. Give the students a minute or two to read their cards.
6. Before starting the activity, give an example or two to encourage the students to be imaginative in their enquiries, e.g. *Can you help me to get my window fixed? My bedroom is freezing! or I need to have my nails painted because I'm going to a wedding on Saturday.*
Note: Encourage students to be strict with their fellow classmates, i.e. if the construction 'have / get something done' is not used, then they should not make an appointment until it is formed correctly.
7. Set a time limit for the students to mingle and make appointments. Stronger groups will only

need five minutes but allow a little longer for less confident groups.

8. The first student to make all the correct appointments, both in providing and receiving services, is the winner.

Key:

Role card	Appointments
hairdresser	dentist painter and decorator optician
painter and decorator	hairdresser mechanic gardener
optician	IT technician cobbler tailor
mechanic	dentist IT technician cobbler
gardener	hairdresser painter and decorator optician
dentist	mechanic gardener cobbler
cobbler	gardener tailor IT technician
tailor	dentist hairdresser painter and decorator
IT technician	optician mechanic tailor



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FUN WITH GRAMMAR CUT-OUTS



<p>You are a hairdresser. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teeth checked • house painted • eyes examined 	<p>You are a painter and decorator. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hair cut • car repaired • flowers planted 	<p>You are an optician. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • computer repaired • shoes mended • suit altered
<p>You are a mechanic. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teeth checked • computer repaired • shoes mended 	<p>You are a gardener. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hair cut • house painted • eyes examined 	<p>You are a dentist. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • car repaired • flowers planted • shoes mended
<p>You are a cobbler. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flowers planted • suit altered • computer repaired 	<p>You are a tailor. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teeth checked • hair cut • house painted 	<p>You are an IT technician. This is your 'to do' list for next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eyes examined • car repaired • suit altered