

## Causative Verbs: Make, Get, Have, Let, Help

These verbs are used when the subject of the main verb causes the object of the main verb to perform an action.

### Causative and Meaning

**make** = force

**get** = convince or persuade

**have** = employ or use

**let** = permit

**help** = assist

### Examples

*My mother **makes** me **finish** my homework before I watch TV.*

*My little brother **gets** me **to help** with his homework.*

*The teacher **has** a different student **clean** the board every day.*

*Some parents **let** their children **stay** out late.*

*I **helped** my roommate **(to) paint** his bedroom. **(to)** is optional)*

After a causative verb, the base form of the verb is usually used. After **get**, the infinitive is used. After **help**, either the base form or the infinitive can be used. Causatives can also be combined with modals:

*Parents **should get** their children to eat healthy food.*

*You **can let** the dog play outside.*

*Write sentences using CAUSATIVES to express your opinions about the following. You can also use MODALS combined with the CAUSATIVE.*

Examples: parents/children Parents should **make** their children **behave** when out in public.

1. parents / children

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2. teachers / students

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3. pet owners / dogs

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4. bosses / employees

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5. the government / citizens

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6. friends / friends

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