

Have/Get Things Done

What are the main needs of foreigner students?

The boy in the picture is James Carter. He is moving to a city far from his family to study medicine there.



Living at home, with his family, he didn't use to worry about doing these chores:

- **do** *his laundry*
- **cook** his meals
- **take** out the garbage
- **do** the dishes
- **clean** the apartment

Look at the following expressions. We use *have/get* + a **verb in Past Participle** to infer that someone (who is not mentioned) does each thing for James (by favor or by being paid):


- James will get *his laundry done*. / James will have *his laundry done*.
- He can get *his meals cooked* everyday. / He can have *his meals cooked* everyday.
- He is getting *the garbage taken* out. / He is having *the garbage taken* out.
- He could get *the dishes done*. / He could have *the dishes done*.

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- He will get *the apartment* **cleaned** every Sunday. / He will have *the apartment* cleaned every Sunday.

Notice that the order of the components change, as well as the verb form.

- For example: **do** *his laundry*



get his laundry done

Remember that this structure is frequently used to give more relevance to the action than the person who does it.