

CHAPTER-06

CAUSATIVE VERBS

The verbs 'make', 'get', 'have', 'help' and 'let' are the most common causative verbs in English.

They are called causative verbs because they cause something else to happen.

Other causative verbs include : enable, allow, keep, hold, force, require, persuade.

MAKE: force or compel someone to do something.

Grammatical structure: MAKE + PERSON + VERB (base form)

- She made her children do their homework before going to bed.
- His grandmother made her grandson send a postcard to his parents.
- Their parents made the boys clean the house after the party.

GET: arrange for someone to do something.

Grammatical structure: GET + PERSON + TO + VERB

- I'll get the architect to modify the plans.
- The teacher got the children to tidy up the classroom.
- The old lady got the boy next door to mow her lawn.