

Causative Verbs

Teacher's Notes

Description: Just when students think they've finally got to grips with English grammar, along come Causative Verbs. Though these pesky verbs may appear familiar, grasping their various meanings and knowing how to use them is enough to *make* any rational person tear their hair out! The exercises in this activity sheet help to familiarise students with the most common Causative Verbs, offering fun and varied practice both alone and in pairs.

Aim: To practise using Causative Verbs through a series of written and communicative activities.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by matching the Causative Verbs with their meanings.

answer key:

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. e 5. a

Exercise B: Next, students circle the correct Causative Verb in each sentence.

answer key:

1. had 2. made 3. got 4. let 5. helped

Exercise C: Students then complete the sentences using suitable Causative Verbs in the correct form.

answer key:

1. makes 2. had 3. let 4. help 5. got

Exercise D: After this, students complete the conversation questions using a Causative Verb to have the same meaning as the words in brackets. Once they've completed the questions, they ask them to a partner.

answer key:

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| 1. made you do | 6. let your kids do |
| 2. let you do | 7. get them to do |
| 3. help you do | 8. help you do |
| 4. get you to do | 9. make your kids do |
| 5. have a builder do | 10. have them do |

Exercise E: Next, students work in pairs and come up with a name for a fictitious political party. Then, imagining that they are politicians trying to convince the public to vote for their party, they make five promises using Causative Verbs. Once they've done this, each pair presents their political party to the class and reads out their promises.

Lastly, students chat with their partner and decide which party they would vote for.