

make, get, let, and have

make	to cause to happen or change, usually by force
let	to allow to happen or do; not prevent
get	to cause to do, often by persuasion
have	to cause to do, through directive or arrangement

The “NEED and POWER Test” for *make, get, have*

Need: Do you have to make the person do it? Can't you have him do it? And if that doesn't work, isn't it enough to get him to do it?

Power: Do you really have the power to make the person do it, or have him do it? Maybe you can only try to get him to do it.

have

Used when what you want the person to do is natural (*dang-yon*) for that person to do. For example, it's natural for your teacher to correct your homework for you (because it's the teacher's job), but it wouldn't be natural for the teacher to correct your letter to a friend (so you'd have to use *get*).

What if...?

After each item, compare your answer with the answers below.

1

What if...?

- your friend wanted to borrow your radio for a while?
- you asked your friend to return your radio, but he absolutely refused to give it back?
- you finally got your radio back, but it was broke? How would you get it fixed if your friend wouldn't get it fixed for you?

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What if...?

- you wanted some ramyon, and your boarding house room mate was a freshman in your department at Sungdae?
- when you asked him to go out and get the ramyon, he said impertinently, “I don't feel like going out—get it yourself!”
- you saw he was actually too sick to go out, and he should stay in?

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What if...?

- you didn't want to do your homework, and your classmate wasn't especially busy?
- you forgot to bring your homework to class, so you couldn't turn it in on time?
- you gave the teacher an ingenious excuse? What would the teacher do?

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What if...?

- you had a fantastic dream, in which you were the president of a company, and you wanted a cup of coffee but didn't want to leave your office?
- your secretary wanted to get your coffee for you, but had to finish typing an important letter?
- your company needed 20 million dollars for a new factory, but you had only 19 million?

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What if...?

- you saw a shoe-shine boy, and your shoes needed a shine, and you had just got your monthly allowance that day?
- the shoe-shine boy did one shoe, but then remembered he had a date and told you he didn't have enough time to do your second shoe?
- he gave you a “special” shine, which cost ₩4,900, but you had only a 5,000-won bill and he had no 100-won coins?

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What if...?

- you were at a street-side wine stall, with a friend, and you wanted one more bottle of soju?
- you didn't have any money to pay for all that soju and all those snacks you had?
- your friend didn't have any money, either?

Suggested replies

Section 1.

I would let him borrow it.
I would make him give it back.
I would have the repairman fix it.

Section 2.

I would have my room mate get it.
I would make him get it.
I would let him stay in.

Section 3.

I would get my classmate to do it.
I would try to get my teacher to let me turn it in later.
He would let me turn it in later.

Section 4.

I would have my secretary bring me some coffee.
I would graciously let her finish.
I would get the bank to loan me two million.

Section 5.

I would have him shine my shoes.
I would make him shine it.
I would let him keep the change.

Section 6.

I would have the owner give me another bottle.
I would get my friend to pay for it.
I would make him stay there as hostage.