Causatives

CEFR A1 · Meeting make, let and help
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Worksheet 1: make & let

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Someone Does Something Because of You

A **causative** means you cause another person to do something. Two easy ones are **make** (= force, no choice) and **let** (= allow, give permission). Both use the pattern: **make/let + person + base verb** (no *to*).

Verb	Meaning	Example
make	force / cause	My mum **makes me eat** vegetables.
let	allow / permit	My dad **lets me play** football.
pattern	make/let + person + base	She **lets us go** out.
no *to*	✗ make me to eat	✓ **make me eat**

> **No to after make/let. ✗ let me to go → ✓ let me go.**

Part A – Complete with make or let

1. My teacher _____ us do homework every day. (force)
2. My parents _____ me watch TV at the weekend. (allow)
3. The rain _____ us stay inside. (force)
4. She _____ her dog sleep on the bed. (allow)

Part B – Add the Verb (base form)

1. My mum makes me _____ (clean) my room.
2. They let us _____ (go) home early.
3. The film made me _____ (cry).
4. Please let me _____ (help) you.

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: help

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: help + Person + (to) Verb

help means you do something **with** another person so it is easier. After *help + person,* you can use the base verb **with or without to** — both are correct.

Structure	Example
help + person + base	I **help my mum cook**.
help + person + to + base	I **help my mum to cook**.
both are correct	She **helps me (to) study**.
help + base (no person)	This **helps to save** money.

Part A – Make Sentences with help

1. (I / help / my dad / wash the car) _____
2. (she / help / me / do my homework) _____
3. (we / help / our friend / move house) _____

Part B – make, let, or help?

1. My brother _____ me carry the heavy box. (do it together)
2. The teacher _____ us be quiet. (force)
3. My mum _____ me stay up late on Fridays. (allow)
4. Can you _____ me find my keys? (do it together)

Part C – Circle the Correct Form

1. My parents make me (go / to go) to bed early.
2. She lets her cat (sleep / to sleep) outside.
3. He helps me (carry / carrying) the bags.
4. They let us (to leave / leave) at four.

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Negatives & Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Use don't / doesn't and did

make, let and help are normal verbs. For negatives and questions, use **don't / doesn't** (present) and **did / didn't** (past) + the base form. The pattern (person + base verb) stays the same.

	Present	Past
Positive	She **makes** me wait.	She **made** me wait.
Negative	She **doesn't make** me wait.	She **didn't make** me wait.
Question	**Does** she **make** you wait?	**Did** she **make** you wait?

Part A – Make it Negative

1. My parents let me go out late. → _____
2. The teacher makes us stand up. → _____
3. He helped me clean the car. → _____

Part B – Make a Question

1. Your mum makes you eat breakfast. → _____
2. They let you use the computer. → _____
3. She helped you with the test. → _____

Part C – Short Answers & Correcting

1. Does your dad let you drive? (No) _____
2. Did the film make you laugh? (Yes) _____
3. Fix: "She doesn't lets me go." → _____
4. Fix: "Did they made you wait?" → _____

Score: ____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Part A – Fix the Mistakes

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	My mum makes me to wash the dishes.	
2	They don't lets us play here.	
3	The teacher make us work hard.	
4	Did your dad let you to go?	
5	She helped me carrying the bags.	

Part B – Complete the Text

Fill each gap with *make*, *let*, or *help* in the correct form.

At home, my parents _____ me do my homework before dinner. But they also _____ me watch one film at the weekend. My sister often _____ me tidy my room. Our teacher _____ us speak English in class, and she _____ us learn new words every day.

Part C – Writing

Write 5–6 sentences about your family or school. Use **make**, **let**, and **help** at least once each. Include one negative sentence.

#	Your sentence
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 makes · 2 let · 3 makes · 4 lets

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 clean · 2 go · 3 cry · 4 help

Core rule: make/let + person + **base verb**, never with *to*.

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 I help my dad (to) wash the car. · 2 She helps me (to) do my homework. · 3 We help our friend (to) move house.

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 helps · 2 makes · 3 lets · 4 help

Worksheet 2 – Part C

1 go · 2 sleep · 3 carry · 4 leave

Only *help* allows an optional *to*; make and let never take *to*.

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 My parents don't let me go out late. · 2 The teacher doesn't make us stand up. · 3 He didn't help me clean the car.

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 Does your mum make you eat breakfast? · 2 Do they let you use the computer? · 3 Did she help you with the test?

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 No, he doesn't. · 2 Yes, it did. · 3 She doesn't let me go. · 4 Did they make you wait?

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 makes me wash · 2 don't let us · 3 makes us work · 4 let you go · 5 helped me carry

Worksheet 4 – Part B (sample)

make · let · helps · makes · helps

Worksheet 4 – Part C: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
make/let + base	No *to*; base verb correct	0–4
help	help + person + (to) verb	0–3
Negatives & questions	don't/doesn't/did + base	0–4
Task & length	5–6 sentences; clear	0–4