

is done was done (passive 1)

A



The office **is cleaned** every day.
The office **was cleaned** yesterday.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **cleans** the office every day. (active)
The office **is cleaned** every day. (passive)
Somebody **cleaned** the office yesterday. (active)
The office **was cleaned** yesterday. (passive)

B

The passive is:

present simple	am/is/are was/were	(not)	+	past participle	
past simple				cleaned	done
				invented	built
				injured	taken etc.

The past participle of regular verbs is **-ed** (cleaned/damaged etc.).
For a list of irregular past participles (**done/built/taken** etc.), see Appendix 2-3.

- Butter **is made** from milk.
- Oranges **are imported** into Britain.
- How often **are** these rooms **cleaned**?
- I **am** never **invited** to parties.
- This house **was built** 100 years ago.
- These houses **were built** 100 years ago.
- When **was** the telephone **invented**?
- We **weren't invited** to the party last week.
- 'Was anybody injured** in the accident?' 'Yes, two people **were taken** to hospital.'

C

was/were born

- I **was born** in Berlin in 1989. (not I am born)
- 'Where **were** you **born**?' 'In Cairo.'

D

passive + by ...

- The telephone was invented **by Alexander Bell** in 1876. (= Alexander Bell invented it)
- I was bitten **by a dog** a few days ago.
- Do you like these paintings? They were painted **by a friend of mine**.

21.1 Write sentences from these words. Some of the sentences are questions.
Sentences 1-7 are present.

- 1 (the office / clean / every day)
- 2 (these rooms / clean / every day?)
- 3 (glass / make / from sand)
- 4 (stamps / sell / in a post office)
- 5 (this room / not / use / very often)
- 6 (we / allow / to park here?)
- 7 (how / this word / pronounce?)

The office **is cleaned** every day.
Are these rooms **cleaned** every day?

Glass
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Sentences 8-15 are past.

- 8 (the office / clean / yesterday)
- 9 (the house / paint / last month)
- 10 (my phone / steal / a few days ago)
- 11 (three people / injure / in the accident)
- 12 (when / this bridge / build?)
- 13 (I / not / wake up / by the noise)
- 14 (how / these windows / break?)
- 15 (you / invite / to Jon's party last week?)

The office **was cleaned** yesterday.

The house
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21.2 These sentences are not correct. Correct them.

- 1 This house built 100 years ago.
- 2 Football plays in most countries of the world.
- 3 Why did the letter send to the wrong address?
- 4 A garage is a place where cars repair.
- 5 Where are you born?
- 6 How many languages are speaking in Switzerland?
- 7 Somebody broke into our house, but nothing stolen.
- 8 When was invented the bicycle?

This house **was built**

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21.3 Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:

~~clean~~ damage find give invite make make show steal take

- 1 The room **is cleaned** every day.
- 2 I saw an accident yesterday. Two people **were taken** to hospital.
- 3 Paper from wood.
- 4 There was a fire at the hotel last week. Two of the rooms
- 5 'Where did you get this picture?' 'It to me by a friend of mine.'
- 6 Many American programmes on British television.
- 7 'Did Jim and Sue go to the wedding?' 'No. They, but they didn't go.'
- 8 'How old is this film?' 'It in 1965.'
- 9 My car last week, but the next day it by the police.

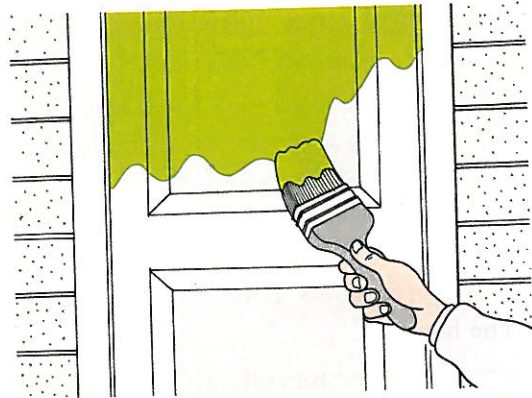
21.4 Where were they born?

- 1 (Ian / Edinburgh) **Ian was born in Edinburgh.**
- 2 (Sally / Manchester) Sally
- 3 (her parents / Ireland) Her
- 4 (you / ???) I
- 5 (your mother / ???)

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is being done (passive 2) has been done

A is/are being ... (present continuous passive)



Somebody **is painting** the door. (active)
 The door **is being painted**. (passive)

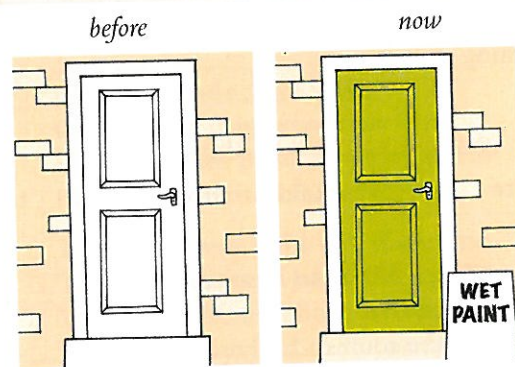
- My car is at the garage. It **is being repaired**. (= somebody is repairing it)
- Some new houses **are being built** opposite the park. (= somebody is building them)

Compare the present continuous and present simple:

- The office **is being cleaned** at the moment. (continuous)
 The office **is cleaned** every day. (simple)
- In Britain football matches **are** often **played** at the weekend, but no matches **are being played** next weekend.

For the present continuous and present simple, see Units 8 and 25.

B has/have been ... (present perfect passive)



Somebody **has painted** the door. (active)
 The door **has been painted**. (passive)

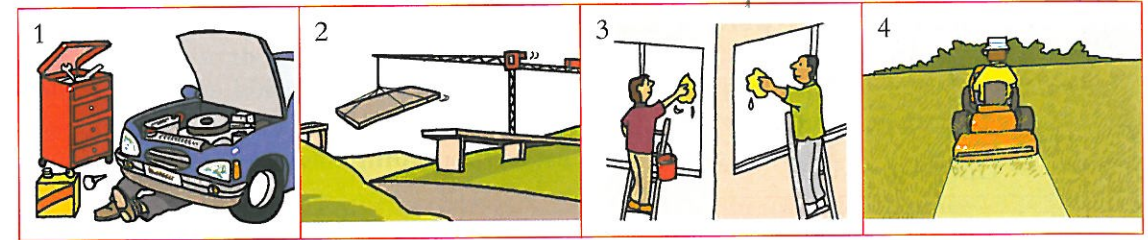
- My key **has been stolen**. (= somebody has stolen it)
- My keys **have been stolen**. (= somebody has stolen them)
- I'm not going to the party. I **haven't been invited**. (= nobody has invited me)
- Has** this shirt **been washed**? (= has somebody washed it?)

Compare the present perfect and past simple:

- The room isn't dirty any more. It **has been cleaned**. (present perfect)
 The room **was cleaned** yesterday. (past simple)
- I can't find my keys. I think they've **been stolen**. (present perfect)
 My keys **were stolen** last week. (past simple)

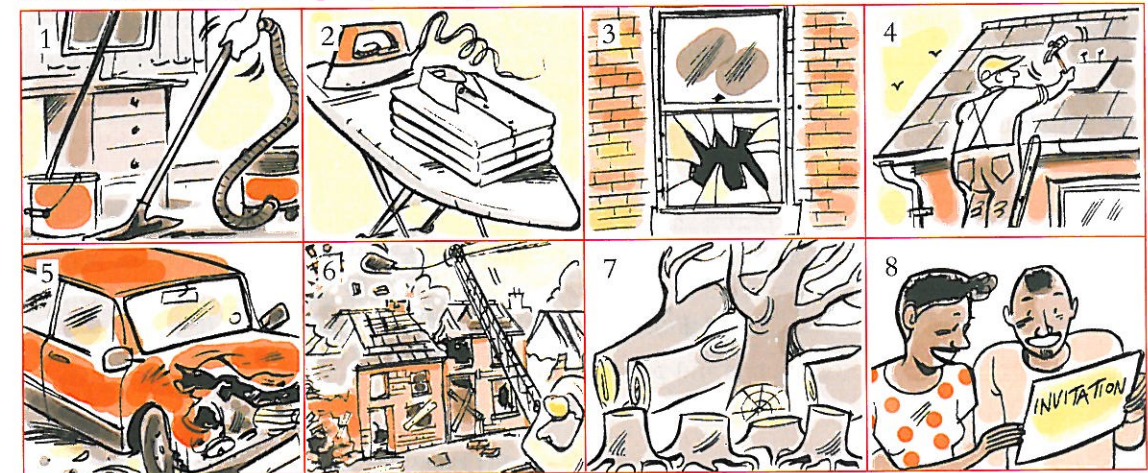
For the present perfect and past simple, see Unit 20.

22.1 What's happening?



- 1 The car **is being repaired**.
- 2 A bridge
- 3 The windows
- 4 The grass

22.2 Look at the pictures. What is happening or what has happened? Use the present continuous (is/are being ...) or the present perfect (has/have been ...).



- 1 (the office / clean) **The office is being cleaned**.
- 2 (the shirts / iron) **The shirts have been ironed**.
- 3 (the window / break) The window
- 4 (the roof / repair) The roof
- 5 (the car / damage)
- 6 (the houses / knock / down)
- 7 (the trees / cut / down)
- 8 (they / invite / to a party)

22.3 Complete the sentences. (Study Unit 21 before you do this exercise.)

- 1 I can't use my office at the moment. It **is being painted** (paint).
- 2 We didn't go to the party. We **weren't invited** (not/invite).
- 3 The washing machine was broken, but it's OK now. It (repair).
- 4 The washing machine (repair) yesterday afternoon.
- 5 A factory is a place where things (make).
- 6 How old are these houses? When (they/build)?
- 7 A: (the computer / use) at the moment?
 B: Yes, Steve is using it.
- 8 I've never seen these flowers before. What (they/call)?
- 9 My sunglasses (steal) at the beach yesterday.
- 10 The bridge is closed at the moment. It (damage) last week and it (not/repair) yet.

Appendix 1

Active and passive

1.1 Present and past

	<i>active</i>	<i>passive</i>
<i>present simple</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We make butter from milk. <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody cleans these rooms every day. <input type="checkbox"/> People never invite me to parties. <input type="checkbox"/> How do they make butter? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Butter is made from milk. <input type="checkbox"/> These rooms are cleaned every day. <input type="checkbox"/> I am never invited to parties. <input type="checkbox"/> How is butter made?
<i>past simple</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody stole my car last week. <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody stole my keys yesterday. <input type="checkbox"/> They didn't invite me to the party. <input type="checkbox"/> When did they build these houses? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My car was stolen last week. <input type="checkbox"/> My keys were stolen yesterday. <input type="checkbox"/> I wasn't invited to the party. <input type="checkbox"/> When were these houses built?
<i>present continuous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> They are building a new airport at the moment. (= it isn't finished) <input type="checkbox"/> They are building some new houses near the river. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A new airport is being built at the moment. <input type="checkbox"/> Some new houses are being built near the river.
<i>past continuous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> When I was here a few years ago, they were building a new airport. (= it wasn't finished at that time) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> When I was here a few years ago, a new airport was being built.
<i>present perfect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look! They have painted the door. <input type="checkbox"/> These shirts are clean. Somebody has washed them. <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody has stolen my car. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look! The door has been painted. <input type="checkbox"/> These shirts are clean. They have been washed. <input type="checkbox"/> My car has been stolen.
<i>past perfect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tina said that somebody had stolen her car. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tina said that her car had been stolen.

1.2 will / can / must / have to etc.

	<i>active</i>	<i>passive</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody will clean the office tomorrow. <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody must clean the office. <input type="checkbox"/> I think they'll invite you to the party. <input type="checkbox"/> They can't repair my watch. <input type="checkbox"/> You should wash this sweater by hand. <input type="checkbox"/> They are going to build a new airport. <input type="checkbox"/> Somebody has to wash these clothes. <input type="checkbox"/> They had to take the injured man to hospital. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The office will be cleaned tomorrow. <input type="checkbox"/> The office must be cleaned. <input type="checkbox"/> I think you'll be invited to the party. <input type="checkbox"/> My watch can't be repaired. <input type="checkbox"/> This sweater should be washed by hand. <input type="checkbox"/> A new airport is going to be built. <input type="checkbox"/> These clothes have to be washed. <input type="checkbox"/> The injured man had to be taken to hospital.

Key to Exercises

20.2

- I finished
- OK
- did you finish
- OK
- (Steve's grandmother) died
- Where were you / Where did you go

20.3

- played
- did you go
- Have you ever met
- wasn't
- 's/has visited
- switched
- lived
- haven't been

20.4

- Did you have was
- Have you seen went
haven't seen
- has worked / has been working
was worked
didn't enjoy
- 've/have seen
've/have never spoken
Have you ever spoken met

UNIT 21

21.1

- Glass is made from sand.
- Stamps are sold in a post office.
- This room isn't used very often.
- Are we allowed to park here?
- How is this word pronounced?
- The house was painted last month.
- My phone was stolen a few days ago.
- Three people were injured in the accident.
- When was this bridge built?
- I wasn't woken up by the noise.
- How were these windows broken?
- Were you invited to Jon's party last week?

21.2

- Football **is played** in most ...
- Why **was the letter sent** to ... ?
- ... where cars **are repaired**.
- Where **were** you born?
- How many languages **are spoken** ... ?
- ... but nothing **was** stolen.
- When **was** the bicycle **invented**?

21.3

- is made
- were damaged
- was given
- are shown
- were invited
- was made
- was stolen ... was found

21.4

- Sally was born in Manchester.
- Her parents were born in Ireland.
- I was born in ...
- My mother was born in ...

UNIT 22

22.1

- A bridge is being built.
- The windows are being cleaned.
- The grass is being cut.

22.2

- The window **has been** broken.
- The roof **is being** repaired.
- The car **has been** damaged.
- The houses **are being** knocked down.
- The trees **have been** cut down.
- They **have been** invited to a party.

22.3

- has been repaired
- was repaired
- are made
- were they built
- Is the computer being used (or Is anybody using the computer)

- are they called
- were stolen
- 'was damaged ... hasn't been repaired

UNIT 23

23.1

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|--------|--------|
| 3 are | 7 do |
| 4 Does | 8 Is |
| 5 Do | 9 does |
| 6 Is | 10 Are |

23.2

- don't
- 'm/am not
- isn't
- don't
- doesn't
- 'm/am not
- aren't / 're not

23.3

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| 2 Did | 7 were |
| 3 were | 8 Has |
| 4 was | 9 did |
| 5 Has | 10 have |
| 6 did | |

23.4

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| 2 was | 6 've/have |
| 3 Have | 7 is |
| 4 are | 8 was |
| 5 were | 9 has |

23.5

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| 3 eaten | 8 understand |
| 4 enjoying | 9 listening |
| 5 damaged | 10 pronounced |
| 6 use | 11 open |
| 7 gone | |

UNIT 24

24.1

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| 3 got | 10 happened |
| 4 brought | 11 heard |
| 5 paid | 12 put |
| 6 enjoyed | 13 caught |
| 7 bought | 14 watched |
| 8 sat | 15 understood |
| 9 left | |

24.2

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| 2 began | begun |
| 3 ate | eaten |
| 4 drank | drunk |
| 5 drove | driven |
| 6 spoke | spoken |
| 7 wrote | written |
| 8 came | come |
| 9 knew | known |
| 10 took | taken |