

# Present and Past Continuous Passive

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

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We use the present continuous to talk about something that is happening at the moment of speaking.

| ACTIVE<br>S+AM/IS/ARE+ING FORM+C                                                                                                                                                                      | PASSIVE<br>S+AM/IS/ARE+BEING+PAST PART.                                                                                                                                        |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somebody <b>is cleaning</b> the room at the moment.</li> <li>Somebody <b>is building</b> new houses.</li> <li>Somebody <b>is walking</b> behind us.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The room <b>is being cleaned</b>.</li> <li>New houses <b>are being built</b>.</li> <li>I think we <b>are being followed</b>.</li> </ul> |

Read the examples above and make your own sentences

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## PAST CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

We use the past continuous to say that somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time. The action or situation had already started before this time but had not finished.

| ACTIVE<br>S+WAS/WERE+ING FORM+C                                                                                                                                                                                                  | PASSIVE<br>S+WAS/WERE+BEING+PAST PART.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somebody <b>was cleaning</b> the room when I arrived.</li> <li>People <b>were using</b> the tennis court, so we couldn't play.</li> <li>Somebody <b>was walking</b> behind us.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The room <b>was being cleaned</b> when I arrived.</li> <li>The tennis court <b>was being used</b>, so we couldn't play.</li> <li>I think we <b>were being followed</b>.</li> </ul> |

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Practice



1. Put the following sentences into the passive.

- 1) My mother is cooking a delicious dish.  
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- 2) Peter is preparing that report.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The archaeologists are exploring the ancient ruins.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Jeremy is not painting the wall.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Is professor Rivers teaching that course this semester?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) My friends were lighting fireworks last night.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) Two horses weren't pulling the farmer's wagon.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) Someone was making coffee when I walked into the kitchen.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) Something was causing this bad smell.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) Were you doing a snowman in the yard?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

