

97 The passive (2)

The beautiful castle at Chenonceaux has been owned by the Menier family since 1913.



1 Present perfect

We make the passive of the present perfect with *has/have been* + the past participle. The object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence:

*The Menier family **have owned** the castle since 1913.* (active, castle = the object)

*The castle **has been owned** by the Menier family since 1913.* (passive, castle = the subject)

	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
present perfect	<i>Scientists have discovered a new planet.</i> <i>They haven't fixed the computers yet.</i> <i>Have they emptied the bins?</i>	<i>A new planet has been discovered.</i> <i>The computers haven't been fixed yet.</i> <i>Have the bins been emptied?</i>

2 Modal verbs

We make the passive form of modal verbs with the modal verb + *be* + past participle:

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
<i>You can wash this shirt at 40 degrees.</i>	<i>This shirt can be washed at 40 degrees.</i>
<i>You must switch off mobile phones.</i>	<i>Mobile phones must be switched off.</i>
<i>They will fix the TV tomorrow.</i>	<i>The TV will be fixed tomorrow.</i>
<i>You should not wash this dress.</i>	<i>This dress should not be washed.</i>
<i>They had to delay the flight.</i>	<i>The flight had to be delayed.</i>

We often use modal passives for written instructions and rules:

Answers **must be written** in ink.

Mobile phones **cannot be used** during the flight.



Don't use *to* after *can*, *must*, *will* or *should* in active or passive sentences:

✗ *All the questions ~~must to be~~ answered.*

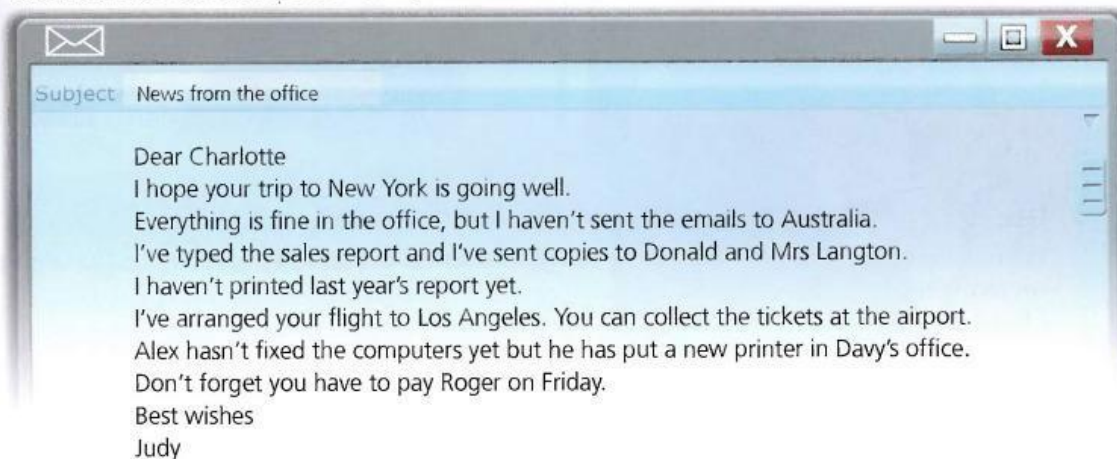
✓ *All the questions **must be** answered.*

Practice

1 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 0 Julia's bag *(has)* / *have* been stolen.
- 1 *Did* / *Has* your mobile phone been repaired yet?
- 2 An amazing new medicine has *been* / *be* discovered in America.
- 3 Cameras must not *be* / *to be* used inside the theatre.
- 4 Where is the cleaner? The beds haven't been *make* / *made* yet!
- 5 Money and passports can be *leave* / *left* in the hotel safe.
- 6 *Are* / *Have* those letters been delivered?

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the email from Judy to her boss. Then use the information to complete the sentences below.



- 0 The emails to Australia *haven't been sent*
- 1 The sales report
- 2 Copies
- 3 Last year's report
- 4 Your flight to Los Angeles
- 5 The tickets
- 6 The computers
- 7 A new printer
- 8 Roger

3 Complete the sentences with forms of the verbs in brackets ().

- 0 Concert tickets *can be bought* on the Internet. (can/buy)
- 1 This dress at 40 degrees. (must/wash)
- 2 Requests for tickets to our office in Manchester. (should/send)
- 3 All answers in black ink. (must/write)
- 4 Mobile phones during the flight. (may not/use)
- 5 Dangerous items on the aircraft. (should not/take)
- 6 All passports at the desk. (must/show)
- 7 A snack during the flight. (will/serve)
- 8 This credit card outside the United Kingdom. (cannot/use)