The passive: present tenses

1) Read the statistics. Choose the correct form, active or passive.

STATISTICS ABOUT JOBS AND MONEY IN THE UK

1. Nearly half the population (29m) **involve / are involved** in some form of employment.
2. 20% of the workforce **employed / are employed** by the state.
3. The average worker **pays / is paid** £27,000 a year.
4. The average worker **pays / is paid** £250,000 in tax in his or her lifetime.
5. Women **earn / are earned** on average 17% less than men for full-time work.
6. Children **give / are given** on average £9 a week pocket money.
7. The average household **spends / is spent** £70 per week on transport.
8. 75% of British households **own / are owned** a car.

2) Put the verbs in the present passive, simple or continuous.

1) 'Can I help you?' 'I'm _____ (serve), thank you.'
2) A lot of manufactured goods _____ (make) in Asia.
3) 'Why are you getting the bus?' 'My car _____ (service).'
4) Nearly 50% of the food we buy _____ (import).
5) The banking industry in the UK _____ (situate) in London.
6) _____ service _____ (include) in the bill?
7) The hotel is closed while the bedrooms _____ (modernize).
8) Footballers _____ (pay) far too much money.

LIVEWORKSHEETS