

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.