The passive: present continuous and present perfect

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5 ★☆☆ **Complete the sentences with *been* or *being*.**

0 The new supermarket is ___being___ opened.
1 We are _____ followed by that cat!
2 The paintings have _____ stolen.
3 The baby has _____ fed and he's asleep now.
4 The criminals are _____ arrested.
5 The trees are _____ cut down.
6 The door has _____ painted.
7 The windows have _____ broken.

6 ★☆☆ **Circle the correct words.**

0 You can't buy her new book because it *isn't being* / *hasn't been* published yet.
1 The new library isn't open yet – it *is still being* / *has still been* built.
2 This food is horrible – it *isn't being* / *hasn't been* cooked properly.
3 Dinner isn't ready yet – it's *being* / *been* cooked.
4 Look at this red spot on my arm. *I'm being* / *I've been* bitten by a mosquito.
5 He's in an ambulance now. He's *being* / *been* taken to hospital.
6 There's no cake left – it's all *being* / *been* eaten!
7 I haven't got my laptop right now – the screen's *being* / *been* fixed.

7 ★★★ **Rewrite the active sentences in the passive form and the passive sentences in the active form.**

0 Someone took a photo of the president going for a run.
A photo of the president going for a run has been taken.
1 The police are questioning him.
He _____
2 The baby is being given a bath by Willow.
Willow _____
3 A new café has been opened near my house.
They _____
4 They've just made a new James Bond film.
A new James Bond film _____
5 A professional chef is cooking the meal.
The meal _____
6 The house is being rented by students.
Students _____
7 They've drunk all the fruit juice.
All the fruit juice _____

8 ★★☆ **Complete the email with the present perfect passive or present continuous passive of the verbs.**

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Dear Marianna,

The work on our new house is going well and the money [0] ___*hasn't run out*___ (not run out) yet! I'm sending you a photo. As you can see, a lot [1] _____ (do) since you were here in September. The walls [2] _____ (build) and the roof [3] _____ (put) on. The doors and the windows [4] _____ (not put) in yet – next week, hopefully. At the moment, most of the work [5] _____ (do) inside the house. As I'm writing, the walls [6] _____ (paint) and the kitchen [7] _____ (install). The bathroom [8] _____ already _____ (finish). Three more weeks and our new house will be ready! You must come and see it.

Love, Logan

GET IT RIGHT!

Present simple passive vs. present perfect passive

Learners often use the present simple passive where the present perfect passive is required.

✓ ***I have been given*** *a new phone for my birthday.*
✗ *I ~~am given~~ a new phone for my birthday.*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

0 I am sorry to inform you that the concert ___*has been cancelled*___ (cancel).
1 We've been raising money for charity and so far we _____ (give) £150!
2 All the best smartphones _____ (make) in Asia.
3 Nowadays, this type of shark _____ (find) only in North America.
4 I need help – my laptop _____ (attack) by a virus.
5 My bike _____ (steal)! How am I going to get home?
6 In the UK potato chips _____ (call) crisps.

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