

## 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 <sup>0</sup> hasn't run out (not run out) yet!

I'm sending you a photo. As you can see, a lot <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) since you were here

in September. The walls <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (build) and the roof <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (put) on.

The doors and the windows <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not put) in yet – next

week, hopefully. At the moment, most of the work <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) inside the house.

As I'm writing, the walls <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) and the kitchen <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (install).

The bathroom <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.  
X 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.