

## Compare each active sentence with its passive form.

### Simple group

| Tense and main use                                     | Active form                                                                                                                                                     | Passive form                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Present Simple</b><br>General facts and routines    | 1. Parents sign parent-child contracts.<br>2. Local clubs offer activities to teenagers.<br>3. Volunteers patrol the streets at night.                          | 1. Parent-child contracts _____ by parents.<br>2. Activities _____ to teenagers by local clubs.<br>3. The streets _____ by volunteers at night. |
| <b>Past Simple</b><br>Finished past actions            | 1. Researchers studied teenage behaviour in Iceland.<br>2. The government restricted alcohol advertising.<br>3. Parents organised street patrols.               | 1. Teenage behaviour _____ in Iceland by researchers.<br>2. Alcohol advertising _____ by the government.<br>3. Street patrols _____ by parents. |
| <b>Future Simple</b><br>Future actions and predictions | 1. The council will open more leisure clubs next year.<br>2. Parents will sign new contracts next month.<br>3. Researchers will review the programme next year. | 1. More leisure clubs _____ next year.<br>2. New contracts _____ next month.<br>3. The programme _____ next year.                               |

### Continuous group

| Tense and main use                                       | Active form                                                                                                                                                                    | Passive form                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Present Continuous</b><br>Happening now               | 1. Researchers are interviewing teenagers now.<br>2. Parents are signing contracts today.<br>3. Local clubs are organising music sessions this week.                           | 1. Teenagers _____ now.<br>2. Contracts _____ today.<br>3. Music sessions _____ this week.                       |
| <b>Past Continuous</b><br>In progress at a past time     | 1. Volunteers were patrolling the streets at 10 p.m.<br>2. Staff were teaching parenting skills on Saturday.<br>3. The council was funding leisure clubs at the time.          | 1. The streets _____ at 10 p.m.<br>2. Parenting skills _____ on Saturday.<br>3. Leisure clubs _____ at the time. |
| <b>Future Continuous</b><br>In progress at a future time | 1. At 8 p.m., volunteers will be patrolling the streets.<br>2. Next week, parents will be discussing the curfew.<br>3. This time tomorrow, teenagers will be practising music. | Rare and unnatural in everyday English. See note below.                                                          |

### Perfect Simple

| Tense and main use                                      | Active form                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Passive form                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Present Perfect</b><br>Completed with a result now   | 1. The council has opened several leisure clubs this year.<br>2. Parents have signed the contracts.<br>3. The council has offered leisure cards to families.                                                | 1. Several leisure clubs _____ this year.<br>2. The contracts _____.<br>3. Leisure cards _____ to families.                                               |
| <b>Past Perfect</b><br>Completed before a past event    | 1. Parents had signed the contracts before the curfew began.<br>2. The council had funded the clubs before the project expanded.<br>3. Researchers had collected data before the council proposed the plan. | 1. The contracts _____ before the curfew began.<br>2. The clubs _____ before the project expanded.<br>3. Data _____ before the council proposed the plan. |
| <b>Future Perfect</b><br>Completed before a future time | 1. By June, the council will have opened three clubs.<br>2. By Friday, parents will have signed the contracts.<br>3. By next year, researchers will have evaluated the programme.                           | 1. By June, three clubs _____ opened.<br>2. By Friday, the contracts _____ signed.<br>3. By next year, the programme _____ evaluated.                     |

## Perfect Continuous

| Tense and main use                                                 | Active form                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Passive form                                            |
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| <b>Present Perfect Continuous</b><br>Continuing until now          | 1. Parents have been discussing the new rules all week.<br>2. Local clubs have been offering activities since January.<br>3. Researchers have been tracking teenage behaviour for years.                                                        | Rare and unnatural in everyday English. See note below. |
| <b>Past Perfect Continuous</b><br>Continuing before a past event   | 1. Volunteers had been patrolling the streets for an hour when it rained.<br>2. Parents had been discussing the curfew before the meeting began.<br>3. Researchers had been studying youth behaviour for months before they published the plan. | Rare and unnatural in everyday English. See note below. |
| <b>Future Perfect Continuous</b><br>Continuing until a future time | 1. By 9 p.m., volunteers will have been patrolling for two hours.<br>2. By December, the club will have been offering music sessions for a year.<br>3. By spring, researchers will have been studying the programme for five years.             | Rare and unnatural in everyday English. See note below. |

**Passive voice note** Future Continuous and Perfect Continuous passives are grammatically possible but rarely used. In natural English, rewrite the sentence: “Volunteers will be patrolling the streets” → “The streets will be patrolled.” The rewritten sentence uses Future Simple passive, so its emphasis on an action in progress changes.