

Present and Past Continuous Passive

PRESENT CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

Pages 22 & 23

We use the present continuous to talk about something that is happening at the moment of speaking.

ACTIVE S+AM/IS/ARE+ING FORM+C	PASSIVE S+AM/IS/ARE+BEING+PAST PART.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somebody is cleaning the room at the moment. Somebody is building new houses. Somebody is walking behind us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The room is being cleaned. New houses are being built. I think we are being followed.

Read the examples above and make your own sentences

.....
.....
.....

PAST CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

We use the past continuous to say that somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time. The action or situation had already started before this time but had not finished.

ACTIVE S+WAS/WERE+ING FORM+C	PASSIVE S+WAS/WERE+BEING+PAST PART.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somebody was cleaning the room when I arrived. People were using the tennis court, so we couldn't play. Somebody was walking behind us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The room was being cleaned when I arrived. The tennis court was being used, so we couldn't play. I think we were being followed.

Read the examples above and make your own sentences

.....
.....
.....

Practice



1. Put the following sentences into the passive.

- 1) My mother is cooking a delicious dish.
_____.
- 2) Peter is preparing that report.
_____.
- 3) The archaeologists are exploring the ancient ruins.
_____.
- 4) Jeremy is not painting the wall.
_____.
- 5) Is professor Rivers teaching that course this semester?
_____.
- 6) My friends were lighting fireworks last night.
_____.
- 7) Two horses weren't pulling the farmer's wagon.
_____.
- 8) Someone was making coffee when I walked into the kitchen.
_____.
- 9) Something was causing this bad smell.
_____.
- 10) Were you doing a snowman in the yard?
_____.

