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## Passive (be done / been done / being done)

### I. What do these words mean? Use it can ... or it can't ....

#### If something is:

1. washable, it \_\_\_\_\_.
2. unbreakable, it \_\_\_\_\_.
3. edible, it \_\_\_\_\_.
4. unusable, it \_\_\_\_\_.
5. invisible, it \_\_\_\_\_.
6. portable, it \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Complete these sentences with the following verbs (in the correct form): Sometimes you will need to use (have, might have, should have etc.).

• arrest	• carry	• cause
• do	• make	• repair
• send	• spend	• wake up

1. The situation is serious. Something must be done before it's too late.
2. I should have received the letter by now. It might have been sent to the wrong address.
3. A decision will not \_\_\_\_\_ until the next meeting.
4. Do you think that more money should \_\_\_\_\_ on education?
5. This road is in very bad condition. It should \_\_\_\_\_ along time ago.
6. The injured man couldn't walk and had to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I told the hotel receptionist I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ at 6.30 the next morning.
8. If you hadn't pushed the policeman, you wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_.
9. It's not certain how the fire started, but it might \_\_\_\_\_ by an electrical fault.

**III. Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using somebody or they etc., write a passive sentence.**

1. Somebody has cleaned the room.  
**The room has been cleaned.**
2. Somebody is using the computer right now.  
The computer \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I didn't realize that somebody was recording our conversation.  
I didn't realize that \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When we got to the stadium, we found that they had cancelled the game.  
When we got to the stadium, we found that \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They are building a new ring road round the city.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. They have built a new hospital near the airport.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Make sentences from the words in brackets. Sometimes the verb is active, sometimes passive.**

1. There's somebody behind us. (I think / we / follow)  
**I think we're being followed.**
2. This room looks different. (you / paint / the walls?)  
**Have you painted the wall?**
3. My car has disappeared. (it / steal!)  
It \_\_\_\_\_!
4. My umbrella has disappeared. (somebody / take)  
Somebody \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sam gets a higher salary now. (he / promote)  
He \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ann can't use her office this week. (it / redecorate)  
It \_\_\_\_\_.
7. There was a problem with the photocopier yesterday, but now it's OK.  
(it / work) It \_\_\_\_\_ again.
8. (it / repair) It \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When I went into the room, I saw that the table and chairs were not in the same place. (the furniture / move)  
The \_\_\_\_\_.
10. A neighbor of mine disappeared six months ago. (he / not / see / since then)  
He \_\_\_\_\_.
11. I wonder how Jane is these days. (I / not / see / for ages)  
I \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A friend of mine was mugged on his way home a few nights ago. (you / ever / mug?)  
\_\_\_\_\_?