29 How do I make a verb passive?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a My home is located in the western part of the city.
  b My home locates in the western part of the city.
2 a These funds can be give to the poorer people to help them.
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The passive is formed with the verb *to be* + the past participle of the verb:
*Nowadays, a great deal of money **is spent** on advertising.*

The verb *to be* should be changed into the correct tense:

Tense	Passive
present simple	***is** spent*
present continuous	***is being** spent*
simple past	***was** spent*
past continuous	***was being** spent*
present perfect	***has been** spent*
past perfect	***had been** spent*

To make the negative, we put *not* between the verb *to be* and the past participle:
*We **were not told** that the rules had changed.*
The passive can also be used in the infinitive form:
*Children need **to be taught** the correct way to behave in public.*

After modal verbs, we use the passive infinitive without *to*:
*Some adults believe that children **should be seen** and not **heard**.*
*You **will be paid** on the last Friday of each month.*

2 Correct the mistake below.



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3 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. You do not need to change the tense.

1 The house was sell for over one million dollars.
2 The class has allowed to eat in the staff dining room during the renovations.
3 The potatoes carry along a conveyor belt to a room where they wash and peel.
4 The teacher told to take her class out of the school if the fire bell rang.
5 Smoking do not allow in any part of the aeroplane.
6 The museum was being renovating when we were there, so we could not visit it.
7 Bus tickets can buy at any newsagents.
8 New employees have instructed not to operate the photocopier until they are trained.

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