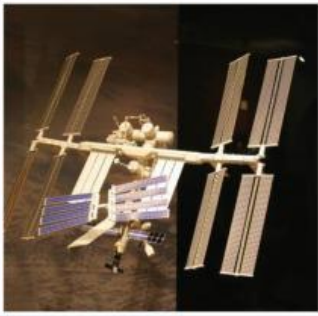


Upper Intermediate - Passive Voice – Practice 1

Complete the first half of an article by writing the verb in brackets in the correct tense and passive form.

SCIENCE NEWS

◆ The International Space Station (ISS) ¹ *is currently being run* (currently / run) as a joint project between five space agencies. The main structure ² (complete) in 1998, but the idea for cooperation in space began at the end of the Cold War. An agreement for a joint space programme between the USA and Russia ³ (not / reach) until 1992, and final plans for a new space station ⁴ (announce) a year later. Unlike previous spaceships and satellites, the ISS ⁵ (build) in space while in orbit. In fact, components ⁶ (still / add) today.



Choose the option that best completes the second half of the article.

SCIENCE NEWS

◆ The ISS ⁷ *has become / has been become* the biggest space station ever. It ⁸ *can even see / can even be seen* from earth with the naked eye. The space agencies ⁹ *carry out / are carried out* daily experiments on the ISS. For example, new spacecraft systems ¹⁰ *regularly test / are regularly tested* here. It ¹¹ *has continuously staffed / has been continuously staffed* since 2000, so it ¹² *is using / is being used* as a research centre to assess the long-term effects of zero gravity on the human body. The results ¹³ *will affect / will be affected* the preparations for long-term space colonisation.

Choose the correct option. In two sentences, both answers are possible.

1. All the students hope **to be put / being put** into Mr Brown's class.
2. He can't stand **to be proved / being proved** wrong in an argument.
3. Are you prepared **to be asked / being asked** some difficult questions?
4. Anyone who is late for the bus risks **to be left / being left** behind!
5. Your aunt appeared to **be shocked / being shocked** by the film. What were you watching?
6. We knew he was missing school because he kept **to be seen / being seen** around town during the day.
7. I'm worried about **not to be chosen / not being chosen** for the team.
8. No one likes **to be delayed / being delayed** at airports.
9. The winning team stopped in their town **to be cheered / being cheered** by their fans after they won the cup.