The passive 2

The passive (present continuous, present perfect simple, past continuous, past perfect simple, *be going to*, modals)

Form

be in the right form + past participle

statement	negative	question
*The pizzas **are being***	*The pizzas **aren't (are not) being***	***Are** the pizzas **being***

	Active	Passive
present continuous	*My aunt is doing the washing-up.*	*The washing-up **is being done** by my aunt.*
present perfect simple	*My cousin has sent the invitations.*	*The invitations **have been sent** by my cousin.*
past continuous	*My uncle was cleaning the car.*	*The car **was being cleaned** by my uncle.*
past perfect simple	*Our neighbours had taken the twins to the zoo.*	*The twins **had been taken** to the zoo by our neighbours.*
be going to	*They're going to invite Phil to the party.*	*Phil **is going to be invited** to the party.*
modals	*They might invite Kyle to the party.*	*Kyle **might be invited** to the party.*
	We should tell Jenny about the party.	*Jenny **should be told** about the party.*
	We must tell Dominic about the concert.	*Dominic **must be told** about the concert.*
	We can hold the party at Jack's house.	*The party **can be held** at Jack's house.*

For the passive form of the present simple, past simple and *will*, see Unit 10.
For the uses of the passive, see Unit 10.

Watch out!

- We can use *by* to emphasise who does something.
  ✓ *My sister's bedroom was painted **by** my parents.* (= My parents painted my sister's bedroom.)
- We can use *with* to emphasise what someone uses.
  ✓ *Soup is usually eaten **with** a spoon.* (= You usually use a spoon to eat soup.)
- We don't use *by* or *with* when we don't need to say, or don't know, who does something.
  ✓ *Mrs Fisher was taken to hospital yesterday.*

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A Look at the picture and match to make sentences.



1 The carnival lorry is	.....	A been given a banana by the pirate.
2 The lorry has	.....	B going to be given a balloon by the astronaut.
3 The gorilla has	.....	C be sung by the cowboy.
4 Everyone watching is	.....	D being driven by a clown.
5 The best song might	.....	E been bought from a fancy-dress shop?
6 Have the costumes	.....	F been decorated with lots of flowers.

B Look at the picture again and circle the correct word.

1 The balloons had all been **blowing / blown** up before the carnival started.
2 The bananas **haven't / aren't** all been eaten yet.
3 The lorry isn't **been / being** driven by the gorilla.
4 A young boy **was / has** just taken a balloon from the astronaut.
5 A prize is going to **have / be** given to the person in the best fancy dress.
6 The prize might not be **awarding / awarded** to the clown.
7 **Has / Is** the lorry been decorated well?
8 Can songs be sung **by / with** people in the crowd, too?

C Complete using *by* or *with*.

1 That book was written ..... my uncle!
2 Are the best photos usually taken ..... digital cameras?
3 That song has been sung ..... lots of famous singers.
4 Is your hair cut ..... a professional hairdresser?
5 Should the paper be cut ..... a pair of scissors?
6 All the candles had been lit ..... the same match.
7 The film isn't going to be directed ..... Steven Spielberg after all.

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D Complete each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write no more than four words.

1 I think John has taken my jacket.
I think my jacket ..... John.

2 You should cook the chicken for at least an hour.
The chicken ..... for at least an hour.

3 They're showing that film at the cinema in town.
That film ..... at the cinema in town.

4 They hadn't invented digital cameras when we took that photo.
Digital cameras ..... when that photo was taken.

5 When I got there, Carly was doing the ironing, so I didn't have to do it!
When I got there, the ironing ..... Carly, so I didn't have to do it!

6 They were using hot soapy water to wash all the cars.
All the cars ..... hot soapy water.

E Read the text and answer the questions. Use the correct form of the passive.

Doing the housework

by Lisa Porter, Class 4b

At home, we all share the housework. My dad loves cooking, so he cooks all the food. Sometimes we help him, though. Next weekend, for example, we're having a party so I'm going to help him.

In the past, my mum did all the shopping. She started a new job last year though, so I've done most of the shopping since then. It's easy, because I shop online. That means I order everything on the Internet (my dad lets me use his credit card!) and someone from the supermarket delivers it to our house.

My brother, Andy, cleans the bathroom nearly every day. He didn't do it yesterday, so he might do it later today. My sister Angelina sweeps the floors. She uses a really old brush. I think she should use a vacuum cleaner! You can save time if you use electrical equipment.

1 Does only one person do the housework in Lisa's house?
No, the housework ..... .

2 Who cooks the food?
The food ..... .

3 Who is going to help Lisa's dad next weekend?
Lisa's dad ..... .

4 Who did all the shopping until about a year ago?
Until about a year ago, the shopping .....
..... .

5 Who has done most of the shopping since then?
Since then, most of the shopping .....

6 Does Lisa take the shopping home from the supermarket?
No, it ..... .

7 How often does someone clean the bathroom?
It ..... .

8 When might someone next clean the bathroom?
It ..... .

9 How does Angelina sweep the floors?
The floors ..... .

10 What does Lisa think Angelina should use?
Lisa thinks a vacuum cleaner .....
..... .

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