

# simple present passive *We are woken by the birds.*

+	<i>I am woken</i>	<i>you are woken</i>	<i>he/she/it is woken</i> etc
?	<i>am I woken?</i>	<i>are you woken?</i>	<i>is he/she/it woken?</i> etc
-	<i>I am not woken</i>	<i>you are not woken</i>	<i>he/she/it is not woken</i> etc
For contractions ( <i>I'm, isn't</i> etc), see pages 2, 301.			

We use the **simple present passive** like the simple present active, for things that are **always true**, and things that happen **all the time, repeatedly, often, sometimes, never** etc (see page 17).

*I am paid every two weeks. Is Jeremy liked by the other children? Stamps aren't sold here.*

→ For spelling rules for adding *-ed* to verbs, see page 46; for irregular past participles, see page 299.

## 1 Complete the sentences with *am/are/is*.

- ▶ A lot of paper *is* made from wood.
- 1 What ..... this called in English?
- 2 Jane ..... paid on the first of every month.
- 3 I ..... often sent to the Singapore office.
- 4 ..... any classes taught on Wednesdays?
- 5 More chocolate ..... eaten in the US than in any other country.
- 6 Not very much ..... known about Shakespeare's childhood.
- 7 We ..... woken by the birds every morning.
- 8 ..... you seen by the same doctor every week?

## 2 Put simple present passive verbs into these sentences.

- ▶ A lot of olive oil *is used* in Greek cooking. (*use*)
- 1 Arabic ..... from right to left. (*write*)
- 2 Those programmes ..... by millions of people every week. (*watch*)
- 3 Stamps ..... in most newsagents in Britain. (*sell*)
- 4 The police say that nothing ..... about the child's family. (*know*)
- 5 In English, 'ough' ..... in a lot of different ways. (*pronounce*)
- 6 Spanish ..... in Peru. (*speak*)
- 7 Cricket ..... by two teams of eleven players. (*play*)
- 8 Our windows ..... once a month. (*clean*)

## 3 Make simple present negatives and questions.

- ▶ 'Those computers *are not made* in America.' (*not make*)  
'Where *are they made?* ' 'In China.'
- 1 'My name ..... with a Y.' (*not spell*)  
'How ..... ' 'L, E, S, L, I, E.'
- 2 'That kind of bird ..... around here, usually.' (*not see*)  
'Where ..... ' 'In warmer countries.'
- 3 'Where ..... like *were*.' (*not pronounce*)  
'How ..... ' 'Like *wear*.'
- 4 'Diamonds ..... in Scotland.' (*not find*)  
'Where ..... ' 'In South Africa, for example.'
- 5 'My sister ..... very well.' (*pay*)  
'How much ..... ' 'I don't remember.'