We form the Present Simple passive like this:

	am/is/are	+ PAST PARTICIPLE	
Glass	*is*	*made*	*from sand.*

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE

*This programme **is shown** on TV every Thursday.*

*These computers **aren't produced** any more.*

QUESTIONS

*When **is** breakfast **served** in this hotel?*

Look at these sentences:

		OBJECT	
ACTIVE:	*They sell*	*cold drinks*	*here.*
PASSIVE:	*Cold drinks*	*are sold here.*	
	SUBJECT		

Notice that the object in the active sentence (**cold drinks**) is the same as the subject in the passive sentence. We use the passive when it is not important who does the action, or when we don't know who does it:

These cars are made in Japan. (We don't need to say … ~~by Japanese workers~~.)

This castle was built in the twelfth century. (We don't know who built it.)

Write sentences from these words. Some of the sentences are questions. Sentences 1–7 are present.

1 (the office / clean / every day) The office is cleaned every day.
2 (these rooms / clean / every day?) Are these rooms cleaned every day?
3 (glass / make / from sand) Glass .....
4 (stamps / sell / in a post office) .....
5 (this room / not / use / very often) .....
6 (we / allow / to park here?) .....
7 (how / this word / pronounce?) .....

simple past passive *I was stopped by a policeman.*

	I was woken	*you were woken*	*he/she/it was woken* etc
	was I woken?	*were you woken?*	*was he/she/it woken?* etc
	*I was **not** woken*	*you were **not** woken*	*he/she/it was **not** woken* etc

Complete the sentences with *was/were*.

1 The fire.....seen in Renton, a kilometre away.
2 Most of the matches.....won by Indian teams.
3 These keys.....found in the changing room yesterday – are they yours?
4 We couldn't find the station, but we.....helped by a very kind woman.
5 I.....stopped by a policeman in Green Road this morning.
6 Yesterday a man.....caught trying to burn down the Town Hall.

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Put simple past passive verbs into these sentences.

1 Our passports ..... by a tall woman in a uniform. (*take*)
2 These books ..... in the classroom on Monday. (*leave*)
3 I don't think this room ..... yesterday. (*clean*)
4 We ..... at the airport by a driver from the university. (*meet*)
5 Nobody ..... what was happening. (*tell*)
6 He ..... away to school when he was twelve. (*send*)

Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:

~~clean~~ **damage** **find** **give** **invite** **make** **make** **show** **steal** ~~take~~

1 The room ....is cleaned.... every day.
2 I saw an accident yesterday. Two people ....were taken.... to hospital.
3 Paper ..... from wood.
4 There was a fire at the hotel last week. Two of the rooms ..... .
5 'Where did you get this picture?' 'It ..... to me by a friend of mine.'
6 Many American programmes ..... on British television.
7 'Did Jim and Sue go to the wedding?' 'No. They ....., but they didn't go.'
8 'How old is this film?' 'It ..... in 1965.'
9 My car ..... last week, but the next day it ..... by the police.

Change the active sentences into passive sentences. Use the words in brackets ( ).

► We sell tickets for all shows at the box office. (Tickets for all shows/sell/at the box office)
Tickets for all shows are sold at the box office.

1 Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (The electric light bulb/invent/by Thomas Edison)
.....
2 Someone painted the office last week. (The office/paint/last week)
.....
3 Several people saw the accident. (The accident/see/by several people)
.....
4 Where do they make these video recorders? (Where/these video recorders/make)
.....
5 Six countries signed the agreement. (The agreement/sign/by six countries)
.....
6 A stranger helped me. (I/help/by a stranger)
.....
7 They don't deliver the post on Sundays. (The post/not/deliver/on Sundays)
.....

future passive *Tomorrow your bicycle will be stolen.*

+	*I will be woken*	*you will be woken*	*he/she/it will be woken* etc
?	*will I be woken?*	*will you be woken?*	*will he/she/it be woken?* etc
−	*I will not be woken*	*you will not be woken*	*he/she/it will not be woken* etc

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Make future passive sentences with the verbs from the box.

clean	close ✓	finish	open	send	speak

▷ The motorway ...will be closed... for three days.
1 The museum ..... by the Queen.
2 One day English ..... everywhere.
3 This job ..... in a few days.
4 Your room ..... while you're out.
5 Your tickets ..... to you next week.

Make future passive negatives and questions.

▷ 'The football match ...won't be played... on Saturday.' (*play*)
'When ...will it be played?...' 'On Sunday.'
1 'The visitors ..... to the hotel by bus.' (*take*)
'How ..... there?' 'By taxi.'
2 'The new library ..... in the Central Square.' (*build*)
'Where .....' 'Behind the Police Station.'
3 'English ..... at the conference.' (*speak*)
'What language .....' 'Chinese.'

present perfect passive *The house has been sold.*

+	*I have been seen*	*you have been seen*	*he/she/it has been seen* etc
?	*have I been seen?*	*have you been seen?*	*has he/she/it been seen?* etc
−	*I have not been seen*	*you have not been seen*	*he/she/it has not been seen* etc

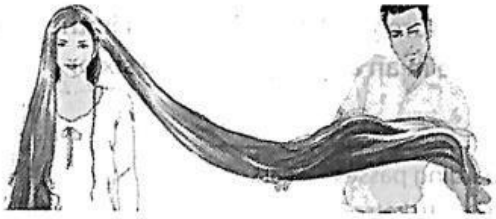
News: put the verbs into the present perfect passive.

▷ A new university ...has been opened... in Kew today by the Prince of Wales. (*open*)
1 Lord Retlaw ..... for drunk driving. (*arrest*)
2 An old painting from a school in Wales ..... for $250,000 by an American museum. (*buy*)
3 An 18-year-old soldier ..... in an accident in Devon. (*kill*)
4 The two lost children ..... alive and well in a London park. (*find*)
5 An unknown actor ..... to star in the new film of 'Macbeth'. (*choose*)
6 The old hospital in the town centre ..... (*close*)
7 'What's the problem?' 'My bicycle .....' (*steal*)
8 I ..... to write something for the local newspaper. (*ask*)
9 All the papers for next week's meeting ..... (*lose*)
10 Everybody in the class ..... to Stacey's party. (*invite*)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

'It's never been done.' Make a sentence for each picture.

cut

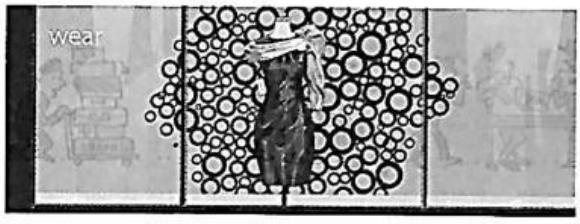


▷ It's never been cut.

ride

1 .....

wear



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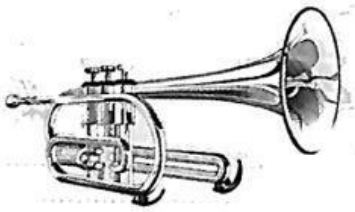
open

3 .....

use

4 .....

play



5 .....

Tenses. Put in simple present, simple past or future passive verbs.

▷ 'Frankenstein' was written ..... by Mary Shelley. (*write*)

▷ The repairs will be finished ..... before next Tuesday. (*finish*)

1 Butter ..... from milk. (*make*)

2 Last night two men ..... in a fight in a nightclub. (*kill*)

3 One day all our work ..... by machines. (*do*)

4 English ..... as a second language by millions of people. (*speak*)

5 This computer ..... in Japan. (*make*)

6 All the footballers ..... by a doctor before the match last Sunday. (*examine*)

7 This room ..... every day. (*clean*)

8 You ..... of the test results as soon as possible. (*inform*)

9 The new road ..... in July next year. (*open*)

10 Diamonds ..... in several countries in Africa. (*find*)

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