

THE PASSIVE

USE

We use the Passive:

- when the agent (the person or thing that does the action) is unknown.
*My bag **has been stolen**! Someone must have taken it when I wasn't looking.*
- to emphasise the action and not the person or thing that performs the action.
*The film **was completed** in record time.*
- when it is not necessary to say who or what does the action because it is obvious.
*Lots of films **are made** in India.*
- When we want to say who or what does the action, we use *by* + agent.
*The film was directed **by** Martin Scorsese.*
- We use *with* to refer to the instrument or tool used to do the action.
*The picture was taken **with** a digital camera.*

FORM

ACTIVE > PASSIVE

Present Simple am / is / are + past participle	She <i>writes</i> the article. > The article <i>is written</i> .
Present Continuous am / is / are <i>being</i> + past participle	She <i>is writing</i> the article. > The article <i>is being written</i> .
Present Perfect Simple have / has <i>been</i> + past participle	She <i>has written</i> the article. > The article <i>has been written</i> .
Past Simple was / were + past participle	She <i>wrote</i> the article. > The article <i>was written</i> .
Past Continuous was / were <i>being</i> + past participle	She <i>was writing</i> the article. > The article <i>was being written</i> .
Past Perfect Simple had <i>been</i> + past participle	She <i>had written</i> the article. > The article <i>had been written</i> .
Future Simple will <i>be</i> + past participle	She <i>will write</i> the article. > The article <i>will be written</i> .
Future Perfect Simple will <i>have been</i> + past participle	She <i>will have written</i> the article. > The article <i>will have been written</i> .
be going to am / is / are <i>going to be</i> + past participle	She <i>is going to write</i> the article > The article <i>is going to be written</i> .
Modal modal + <i>be</i> + past participle	She <i>might write</i> the article. > The article <i>might be written</i> .
Semi-modal semi-modal + <i>be</i> + past participle	She <i>has to write</i> the article. > The article <i>has to be written</i> .
Modal Perfect modal + <i>have been</i> + past participle	She <i>must have written</i> the article. > The article <i>must have been written</i> .
Gerund <i>being</i> + past participle	Celebrities enjoy people <i>interviewing</i> them. > Celebrities enjoy <i>being interviewed</i> .
Full Infinitive <i>to be</i> + past participle	I'd like them <i>to consider</i> me for this part > I'd like <i>to be considered</i> for this part.
Bare Infinitive <i>be</i> + past participle	They had better <i>show</i> the film tonight. > The film had better <i>be shown</i> tonight.

ALERT!

There is no passive form for the future continuous, the present perfect continuous or the past perfect continuous.

IMPERSONAL & PERSONAL PASSIVE STRUCTURES

USE

We often use verbs such as *believe, claim, consider, expect, know, report, say, suspect, think* or *understand* in the passive voice. They are used in an impersonal or a personal passive structure. These structures are used to report an opinion in a more convincing and formal way.

FORM

Impersonal passive structure

it + passive verb + *that* + clause

Personal passive structure

noun + passive verb + full infinitive

EXAMPLES	IMPERSONAL STRUCTURE	PERSONAL STRUCTURE
Some people <i>believe</i> that Thomas <i>is</i> a spy.	<i>It is believed</i> that Thomas <i>is</i> a spy.	Thomas <i>is believed to be</i> a spy.
Everyone <i>expects</i> that they <i>will cast</i> Brad Pitt in the role.	<i>It is expected</i> that they <i>will cast</i> Brad Pitt in the role.	Brad Pitt <i>is expected to be cast</i> in the role.
They <i>think</i> that the band <i>is planning</i> a concert.	<i>It is thought</i> that the band <i>is planning</i> a concert.	The band <i>is thought to be planning</i> a concert.
Some people <i>said</i> that the director <i>wanted</i> to shoot the scene again.	<i>It was said</i> that the director <i>wanted</i> to shoot the scene again.	The director <i>was said to have wanted</i> to shoot the scene again.
Everyone <i>knows</i> that the guitarist <i>has threatened</i> to leave the band.	<i>It is known</i> that the guitarist <i>has threatened</i> to leave the band.	The guitarist <i>is known to have threatened</i> to leave the band.
They <i>suspected</i> that the actress <i>was lying</i> to the police.	<i>It was suspected</i> that the actress <i>was lying</i> to the police.	The actress <i>was suspected to have been lying</i> to the police.

Grammar in Action

A Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs.

- Nowadays actors _____ (pay) huge amounts of money to star in films.
- Many of these photos _____ (take) after last night's celebration.
- Tomorrow morning Tamsin _____ (offer) the job of editor of a glossy magazine.
- They have decided that the news _____ (must / broadcast) immediately.
- The poster for the new thriller _____ (design) at the moment.
- My advice is that the girl _____ (should / give) additional singing lessons if she is to participate in the talent show.

B Circle the correct words.

- Please ensure that everyone **is** / **is being** asked to express their opinion.
- I **have been** / **am** offered the lead in a romantic comedy.
- The journalist **may have been** / **may be** captured, but no official announcement **is being** / **has been** made yet.
- These promotional leaflets **should distribute** / **should be distributed** all over the city centre.
- The next edition of this magazine **is** / **will be** published in two weeks' time.
- The paparazzi **have finally discovered** / **have finally been discovered** where the winner of the talent show lives.
- Thomas **should have been** / **should have** invited to the film premiere.
- Before Zac was cast for the film, the songs **had already been writing** / **had already been written**.

Unit 6

C Choose the correct answers.

- 1 At the moment, a sequel to the best-selling novel ____.
a is written b is being written
- 2 While the writer was signing autographs, a documentary of her life ____ broadcast.
a was being b was
- 3 This programme ____ in Iceland.
a might be filmed b might film
- 4 Matthew ____ to be one of the greatest script writers in the country.
a is considered b it is thought
- 5 A permit ____ if you want to enter the television studio.
a requires b is required
- 6 Martha ____ given an allowance by her parents every week.
a is being b is
- 7 In my opinion, the audience ____ to vote; it should just be the judges.
a shouldn't be asked b shouldn't be asking
- 8 Last night the newscaster ____ presented with an award for her contribution to the TV channel.
a had b was

D Complete the text with one word in each gap.

GODZILLA RETURNS!

... And many years later, Godzilla returns!

In this new sci-fi monster film, the story of the renowned Japanese monster (1) _____ retold.

This blockbuster, which is apparently (2) _____ to be made into a novel, is the second Godzilla film to (3) _____ filmed. It (4) _____ shot in Vancouver and Hawaii and is available to viewers in 2D and 3D.

Godzilla (5) _____ released in May 2014 and fans around the globe flocked to see the film, which is still (6) _____ shown at cinemas around the world.

E Circle the correct words.

- 1 They are believed to be **investigating** / **investigated** the cause of the accident.
- 2 She is expected to **have been promoted** / **be promoted** soon.
- 3 Eve is reported **to be** / **to being** involved in the scandal.
- 4 The composer is said **to compose** / **to have composed** the music for the film already.
- 5 Oliver is thought **to be working** / **to be worked** on his next drama series.
- 6 It is believed that the novelist **will be signed** / **will be signing** autographs at the book exhibition.

F Complete the second sentence so that it is similar in meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 Everyone knows that The Hollywood Walk of Fame is on Hollywood Boulevard.

TO

The Hollywood Walk of Fame _____ on Hollywood Boulevard.

- 2 The theatre will start selling tickets for *Cats* next week.

SOLD

Tickets for *Cats* _____ next week.

- 3 They are going to translate this magazine into six languages.

BE

This magazine _____ into six languages.

- 4 It is possible that the tennis coach sold the story to the press.

MAY

The story _____ to the press by the tennis coach.

- 5 When I arrived, they were announcing the winner of the show.

WAS

The winner of the show _____ when I arrived.

- 6 They won't hire a new make-up artist for the film premiere.

BE

A new make-up artist _____ for the film premiere.

- 7 They believe that the new pop sensation is involved in the scandal.

IS

The new pop sensation _____ in the scandal.

- 8 The producer has already selected actors for the new sitcom.

BEEN

Actors for the new sitcom _____ the producer.



Unit 6

FCE in Action

Read the preview and choose the correct answer (a, b, c or d).

Cannes Film Festival

Once again, we await the beginning of the Cannes Film Festival, which (1) ____ held here for over 75 years, and where films from all over the world (2) ____.

This exciting social and cultural event is exclusive; in order to be on the guest list, you have to (3) ____.

The Festival always (4) ____ a great amount of media exposure and the event (5) ____ by numerous film stars and other celebrities, so fashion designers know this is a huge opportunity for their clothes (6) ____.

By the end of the festival, many new films will (7) ____, and some top fashion designers will start working on new creations for the celebrities who may (8) ____ for an Oscar award.



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| 1 a is being | b is | c has been | d has |
| 2 a are previewed | b previewed | c have previewed | d are previewing |
| 3 a invite | b be invited | c be inviting | d invited |
| 4 a is received | b has been received | c is receiving | d receives |
| 5 a is attended | b attended | c is attending | d is being attended |
| 6 a to see | b to be seen | c to being seen | d to have been seen |
| 7 a launch | b have been launched | c be launching | d have launched |
| 8 a nominate | b be nominating | c be nominated | d have nominated |

ECCE in Action

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1 These photos ____ at my house; we haven't got a fountain in our garden.
a can't be taken
b can't have taken
c can't have been taken
d can't be taking
- 2 'Why ____ without my permission?'
'I'm not sure, Mrs Hudgens.'
a this soundtrack was recorded
b was this soundtrack recorded
c did this soundtrack record
d has this soundtrack recorded
- 3 'Did you read the review about the ballet?'
'Yes, the dancers ____ brilliantly in last night's performance.'
a are said to have performed
b it is said that they performed
c are said to perform
d are said to be performing
- 4 Each contestant on this reality show ____ the opportunity to sing a duet with a famous artist.
a is given
b is giving
c has given
d has been giving
- 5 Look! The tennis star ____ those reporters!
a is chasing by
b is being chased with
c has been chased with
d is being chased by
- 6 The presenter ensures that a certain amount of money ____ to charity.
a is donated
b donated
c is being donated
d is donating
- 7 Emily is considered ____ one of the best violinists in the orchestra.
a to have been
b that she is
c that she was being
d that she was
- 8 The design for next month's magazine cover ____ at the moment.
a will be created
b will be creating
c is created
d is being created
- 9 'Can you believe how they broke into the rock star's house?'
'No, it's incredible! The door ____ a knife!'
a was opened by
b was being opened by
c was opened with
d was opening with
- 10 Visitors ____ these paintings at the gallery for the next two months.
a will be able to admire
b will be admired
c will admire
d are being admired
- 11 The winner of the talent contest ____ shortly.
a should reveal
b should be revealing
c should have been revealed
d should be revealed
- 12 Why is it that I ____ to make my own choices?
a am never let
b am never being allowed
c am never allowed
d am not letting
- 13 The editors of these children's books ____ on a job well done.
a should congratulate
b should be congratulated
c have to congratulate
d have been congratulating
- 14 It was a terrifying episode and I believe it ____ on daytime TV.
a shouldn't broadcast
b shouldn't be broadcasting
c shouldn't have broadcast
d shouldn't have been broadcast
- 15 '____ to bring a copy of your CV with you?'
'I'm afraid I wasn't, no.'
a Haven't you told
b Aren't you told
c Weren't you told
d Weren't you telling
- 16 'Do you think I'll get the part, even though I was so late for the audition?'
'The producer doesn't like ____, so I doubt it.'
a to keep waiting
b to be kept waiting
c to keep waiting
d to being kept waiting
- 17 All members of this gym ____ to wear a pass with their name on it.
a are required
b are requiring
c have required
d will require
- 18 'Did you know that the radio producer ____ of theft?'
'No, I had no idea.'
a was being accused
b accused
c has accused
d has been accused
- 19 'Will you ____ tomorrow's press conference, Mrs Hayes?'
'Of course. I wouldn't miss it for the world!'
a be attended
b have attended
c be attending
d being attended
- 20 We would like to inform you that for security purposes, this telephone conversation ____.
a is recording
b records
c is being recorded
d has recorded