

Present and Past Continuous Passive

PRESENT CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

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We use the present continuous to talk about something that is happening at the moment of speaking.

ACTIVE S+AM/IS/ARE+ING FORM+C	PASSIVE S+AM/IS/ARE+BEING+PAST PART.
- Somebody is cleaning the room at the moment. - Somebody is building new houses. - Somebody is walking behind us.	- The room is being cleaned. - New houses are being built. - I think we are being followed.

Read the examples above and make your own sentences

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PAST CONTINUOUS PASSIVE

We use the past continuous to say that somebody was in the middle of doing something at a certain time. The action or situation had already started before this time but had not finished.

ACTIVE S+WAS/WERE+ING FORM+C	PASSIVE S+WAS/WERE+BEING+PAST PART.
- Somebody was cleaning the room when I arrived. - People were using the tennis court, so we couldn't play. - Somebody was walking behind us.	- The room was being cleaned when I arrived. - The tennis court was being used, so we couldn't play. - I think we were being followed.

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Practice



1. Put the following sentences into the passive.

- 1) My mother is cooking a delicious dish.
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- 2) Peter is preparing that report.
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- 3) The archaeologists are exploring the ancient ruins.
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- 4) Jeremy is not painting the wall.
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- 5) Is professor Rivers teaching that course this semester?
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- 6) My friends were lighting fireworks last night.
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- 7) Two horses weren't pulling the farmer's wagon.
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- 8) Someone was making coffee when I walked into the kitchen.
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- 9) Something was causing this bad smell.
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- 10) Were you doing a snowman in the yard?
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