

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

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|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| +                                                    | I am woken     | you are woken     | he/she/it is woken etc     |
| ?                                                    | am I woken?    | are you woken?    | is he/she/it woken? etc    |
| -                                                    | I am not woken | you are not woken | he/she/it is not woken etc |
| For contractions (I'm, isn't 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.'