

A


The office is **cleaned** every day.

The office was **cleaned** yesterday.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **cleans** the office every day. (active)

The office **is cleaned** every day. (passive)

Somebody **cleaned** the office yesterday. (active)

The office **was cleaned** yesterday. (passive)

B

The passive is:

simple present simple past			+	<i>past participle</i>	
	am/is/are	(not)		cleaned	done
	was/were			invented	built
				injured	taken, etc.

The past participle of regular verbs is **-ed** (cleaned/damaged, etc.).

For a list of irregular past participles (**done/built/taken**, etc.), see Appendixes 2–3.

- Butter **is made** from milk.
- Oranges **are imported** into Canada.
- How often **are** these rooms **cleaned**?
- I **am** never **invited** to parties.
- This house **was built** 100 years ago.
- These houses **were built** 100 years ago.
- When **was** the telephone **invented**?
- We **weren't invited** to the party last week.
- “**Was** anybody **injured** in the accident?”
- “Yes, two people **were taken** to the hospital.”

C

Was/were born

- I **was born** in Colombia in 1989. (*not* I am born)
- “Where **were** you **born**?” “In Cairo.”

D

Passive + by

- The telephone was invented **by Alexander Graham Bell** in 1876.
(= Alexander Graham Bell invented it)
- I was bitten **by a dog** a few days ago.
- Do you like these paintings? They were painted **by a friend of mine**.

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

- (the office / clean / every day) The office is cleaned every day.
- (these rooms / clean / every day?) Are these rooms cleaned every day?
- (glass / make / from sand) Glass _____
- (stamps / sell / in a post office) _____
- (this word / not / use / very often) _____
- (we / allow / to park here?) _____
- (how / this word / pronounce?) _____

Sentences 8–15 are past.

- (the office / clean / yesterday) The office was cleaned yesterday.
- (the house / paint / last month) The house _____
- (my phone / steal / a few days ago) _____
- (three people / injure / in the accident) _____
- (when / this bridge / build?) _____
- (I / not / wake up / by the noise) _____
- (how / these windows / break?) _____
- (you / invite / to Jon's party last week?) _____

22.2 These sentences are not correct. Correct them.

- This house built 100 years ago. This house was built 100 years ago.
- Soccer plays in most countries of the world. _____
- Why did the letter send to the wrong address? _____
- A garage is a place where cars repair. _____
- Where are you born? _____
- How many languages are speaking in Switzerland? _____
- Somebody broke into our house, but nothing stolen. _____
- When was invented the bicycle? _____

22.3 Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:~~clean~~ damage find give invite make make show steal ~~take~~

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

22.4 Where were they born?

- (Makoto / Tokyo) Makoto was born in Tokyo.
- (Isabel / São Paulo) Isabel _____
- (her parents / Rio de Janeiro) Her _____
- (you / ???) I _____
- (your mother / ???) _____

A

Is/are being . . . (present continuous passive)


Somebody **is painting** the door. (active)

The door **is being painted**. (passive)

- My car is at the garage. It **is being repaired**. (= somebody is repairing it)
- Some new houses **are being built** across from the park. (= somebody is building them)

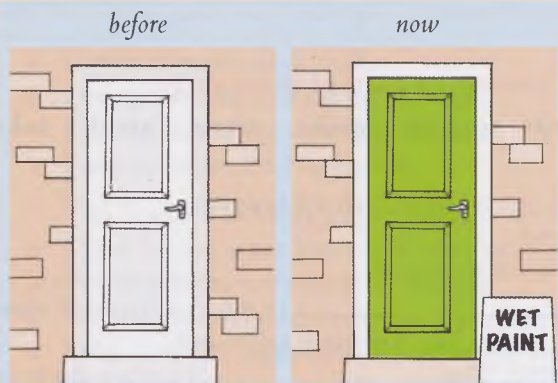
Compare the present continuous and simple present:

- The office **is being cleaned** right now. (present continuous)
The office **is cleaned** every day. (simple present)
- In the United States, football games **are** usually **played** on weekends, but no big games **are being played** next weekend.

For the present continuous and simple present, see Units 8 and 26.

B

Has/have been . . . (present perfect passive)


Somebody **has painted** the door. (active)

The door **has been painted**. (passive)

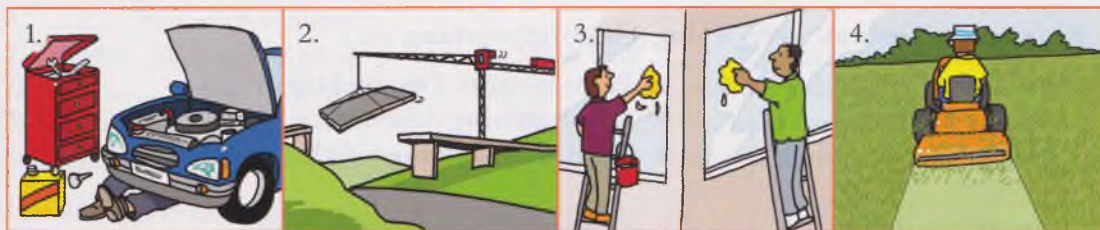
- My key **has been stolen**. (= somebody has stolen it)
- My keys **have been stolen**. (= somebody has stolen them)
- I'm not going to the party. I **haven't been invited**. (= nobody has invited me)
- Has this shirt been washed?** (= has somebody washed it?)

Compare the present perfect and simple past:

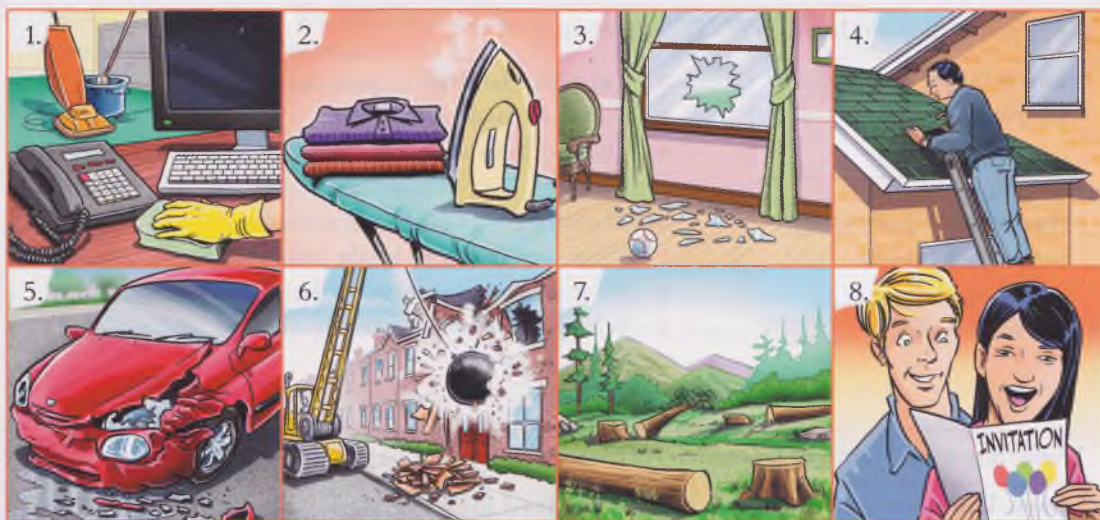
- The room isn't dirty any more. It **has been cleaned**. (present perfect)
The room **was cleaned** yesterday. (simple past)
- I can't find my keys. I think they've **been stolen**. (present perfect)
My keys **were stolen** last week. (simple past)

For the present perfect and simple past, see Units 19–21.

23.1 What's happening?



1. The car is being repaired. 3. The windows _____
 2. A bridge _____ 4. The grass _____

23.2 Look at the pictures. What is happening or what has happened? Use the present continuous (*is/are being* ...) or the present perfect (*has/have been* ...).

1. (the office / clean) The office is being cleaned.
 2. (the shirts / iron) The shirts have been ironed.
 3. (the window / break) The window _____
 4. (the roof / repair) The roof _____
 5. (the car / damage) _____
 6. (the houses / tear / down) _____
 7. (the trees / cut / down) _____
 8. (they / invite / to a party) _____

23.3 Complete the sentences. (Study Unit 22 before you do this exercise.)

1. I can't use my office right now. It is being painted (paint).
 2. We didn't go to the party. We weren't invited (not / invite).
 3. The washing machine was broken, but it's OK now. It _____ (repair).
 4. The washing machine _____ (repair) yesterday afternoon.
 5. A factory is a place where things _____ (make).
 6. How old are these houses? When _____ (they / build)?
 7. A: _____ (the computer / use) at the moment?
 B: Yes, Steve is using it.
 8. I've never seen these flowers before. What _____ (they / call)?
 9. My sunglasses _____ (steal) at the beach yesterday.
 10. The bridge is closed. It _____ (damage) last week, and it
 _____ (not / repair) yet.