

## Passive 2 (be done / been done / being done)

Study the following active and passive forms:

A

*Infinitive*active (to) **do/clean/see** etc.Somebody **will clean** this room later.passive (to) **be + done/cleaned/seen** etc.This room **will be cleaned** later.

- ☐ The situation is serious. Something must **be done** before it's too late.
- ☐ A mystery is something that can't **be explained**.
- ☐ The music was very loud and could **be heard** from a long way away.
- ☐ A new supermarket is going **to be built** next year.
- ☐ Please go away. I want **to be left** alone.

B

*Perfect infinitive*active (to) **have + done/cleaned/seen** etc.Somebody **should have cleaned** the room.passive (to) **have been + done/cleaned/seen** etc.The room **should have been cleaned**.

- ☐ I should have received the letter by now. It might **have been sent** to the wrong address.
- ☐ If you had locked the car, it wouldn't **have been stolen**.
- ☐ There were some problems at first, but they seem **to have been solved**.

C

*Present perfect*active **have/has + done** etc.The room looks nice. Somebody **has cleaned** it.passive **have/has been + done** etc.The room looks nice. **It has been cleaned**.

- ☐ Have you heard? The trip **has been cancelled**.
- ☐ **Have** you ever **been bitten** by a dog?
- ☐ 'Are you going to the party?' 'No, I **haven't been invited**.'

*Past perfect*active **had + done** etc.The room looked nice. Somebody **had cleaned** it.passive **had been + done** etc.The room looked nice. **It had been cleaned**.

- ☐ The vegetables didn't taste good. They **had been cooked** too long.
- ☐ The car was three years old, but **hadn't been used** very much.

D

*Present continuous*active **am/is/are + (do)ing**Somebody **is cleaning** the room at the moment.passive **am/is/are + being (done)**The room **is being cleaned** at the moment.

- ☐ There's somebody walking behind us. I think we **are being followed**.
- ☐ (in a shop) 'Can I help you?' 'No, thanks. I'm **being served**.'

*Past continuous*active **was/were + (do)ing**Somebody **was cleaning** the room when I arrived.passive **was/were + being (done)**The room **was being cleaned** when I arrived.

- ☐ There was somebody walking behind us. I think we **were being followed**.