

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

A Study the following active and passive forms:

*Infinitive**active:* (to) do/clean/see etc.

Somebody will clean the room later.

passive: (to) be + done/cleaned/seen etc.

The 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 haven't received the letter yet. It might have been sent to the wrong address.
- ☐ If you hadn't left the car unlocked, 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 concert 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 very 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, thank you. 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. We were being followed.

Exercises

Unit 43

43.1 What do these words mean? Use it can ... or it can't Use a dictionary if necessary.

If something is

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 washable, <u>it can be washed</u> | 4 unusable, |
| 2 unbreakable, it | 5 invisible, |
| 3 edible, | 6 portable, |

43.2 Complete these sentences with the following verbs (in the correct form):

arrest carry cause ~~do~~ make repair ~~send~~ spend wake up

Sometimes you need have (might have, should have etc.).

- The situation is serious. Something must be done before it's too late.
- I haven't received the letter. It might have been sent to the wrong address.
- A decision will not until the next meeting.
- Do you think that more money should on education?
- This road is in very bad condition. It should a long time ago.
- The injured man couldn't walk and had to
- It's not certain how the fire started, but it might by an electrical fault.
- I told the hotel receptionist I wanted to at 6.30 the next morning.
- If you hadn't pushed the policeman, you wouldn't

43.3 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using somebody or they etc., write a passive sentence.

- Somebody has cleaned the room. The room has been cleaned.
- They have postponed the meeting. The
- Somebody is using the computer at the moment.
The computer
- I didn't realise that somebody was recording our conversation.
I didn't realise that
- When we got to the stadium, we found that they had cancelled the game.
When we got to the stadium, we found that
- They are building a new ring road round the city.
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- They have built a new hospital near the airport.
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43.4 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Sometimes the verb is active, sometimes passive.

- There's somebody behind us. (I think / we / follow) I think we're being followed.
- This room looks different. (you / paint / the walls?) Have you painted the walls?
- My car has disappeared. (it / steal!) It
- My umbrella has disappeared. (somebody / take) Somebody
- Sam gets a higher salary now. (he / promote) He
- Ann can't use her office at the moment. (it / redecorate) It
- The photocopier broke down yesterday, but now it's OK. (it / work / again ; it / repair)
It It
- When I went into the room, I saw that the table and chairs were not in the same place.
(the furniture / move) The
- The man next door disappeared six months ago. (he / not / see / since then)
He
- I wonder how Jane is these days. (I / not / see / for ages)
I
- A friend of mine was mugged on his way home a few nights ago. (you / ever / mug?)
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