

Passive



Active vs Passive

- Active: People build roads.
- Passive: Roads are build by people.



Passive

- - when the doer is not important
- - when the doer is obvious
- - politeness, academic language



Passive - form

- BE (in appropriate tense) + third participle



Examples

- Roads are built
- Roads are being built
- Roads were built
- Roads were being built
- Roads have been built
- Roads had been built
- Roads will be built
- Roads will have been built
- Roads might have been built



Causative

- A special form of passive
- Usage: somebody does something for us (usually paid)
- Form: have/get (in appropriate tense + subject + 3rd participle)



Examples

- I got my hair cut yesterday.
- I should get my car repaired.
- I will have my lunch eaten by Friday.
- He has had his photo taken already.

