

ACTIVE/PASSIVE CONSTRUCTIONS

Complete the following chart:

	Active	Passive
Present simple	Peter eats bread	
Present continuous	Peter is eating bread	
		Bread has been eaten
Past	Peter ate bread	
	Peter was eating bread	
Past perfect		Bread had been eaten
Going to		
Will	Peter will eat bread	
Must		Bread must be eaten
Have to		

Activities

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Underline the verb forms which are not possible.

- My car has being stolen.
- Jack was borned on a Thursday.
- Then I realised that none of the guests had been sent an invitation.
- Mary's car is being serviced today.
- Your order will been sent as soon as possible.
- The hole in the road was being repaired when I came home.
- This swimming pool is used by over a thousand people each week.
- When was this church built?
- An address is writing on the back of the envelope.
- Customers are request to ask for a receipt.

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Choose the most suitable tense.

- Their new house hasn't been finished/wasn't finished yet.
- The robbers were arrested/have been arrested as soon as they left the bank.
- Sue told us her baby is born/had been born two weeks earlier than expected.
- If there is too much snow, the match has been cancelled/will be cancelled.
- By the time we got there, the rain had stopped/had been stopped.
- When were you told/have you been told about the new rules?
- Most of the passengers were swimming/were swam easily to the shore.
- The winning horse was ridden/was riding by Pit Murphy.
- I looked again for the old man, but he was vanished/had vanished.
- I don't think that you will be asked/are being asked to show your passport.

Reunite these sentences. Instead of using 'somebody' or 'they', write a passive sentence.

- Somebody has cleaned the room. ... The room has been cleaned.
- They have postponed the concert. 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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