

PASSIVE FORMS

Form: /subject + “to be” + past participle/

PRACTICE 1

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive.

Example

Somebody has cleaned the room. *The room has been cleaned.*

- 1 They **have** postponed the concert. The concert _____ .
- 2 Somebody **is using** the computer. The computer _____ .
- 3 I didn't realise that somebody **was recording** our conversation.
I didn't realise that _____ .
- 4 When we got to the stadium we found that **they had cancelled** the game.
When we got to the stadium, we found that _____ .
- 5 They **are building** a new ring road round the city. _____ .
- 6 They **have built** a new hospital near the airport. _____ .

PRACTICE 2: ACTIVE X PASSIVE

React to the sentences 1 – 10 and make sentences from the words in brackets either in the active or in the passive.

Example

There's somebody behind us. (I think/we/follow) *I think we're being followed.*
This room looks different. (you/paint?) *Have you painted it?*

- 1 My car has disappeared.
(it/steal!) It _____
- 2 My umbrella has disappeared.
(somebody/take) Somebody _____
- 3 Tom gets a higher salary now.
(he/promote) _____
- 4 Ann can't use her office at the moment.
(it/redecorate) _____
- 5 The photocopier broke down yesterday, but it's OK now.
(it/work/again; it/repair) _____
- 6 The police have found the people they were looking for.
(two people/arrest/last night) _____
- 7 A tree was lying across the road.
(it/blow down/in the storm) _____
- 8 The man next door disappeared six months ago.
(nobody/see/since then) _____