

## present progressive passive *It's being cleaned.*

1	<i>I am being watched</i>	<i>you are being watched</i>	<i>he/she/it is being watched etc</i>
2	<i>am I being watched?</i>	<i>are you being watched?</i>	<i>is he/she/it being watched? etc</i>
3	<i>I am not being watched</i>	<i>you are not being watched</i>	<i>he/she/it is not being watched etc</i>
For contractions ( <i>I'm, isn't</i> etc), see pages 2 and 277.			

We use the **present progressive passive** like the present progressive active, for things that are happening now (see page 22), or for things that are **planned for the future** (see page 34).

'Where's the carpet?' *'It's being cleaned.'*      *When are you being seen by the doctor?*

- 1 Questions and answers. Use the words in the box to complete answers to the questions. Use the present progressive passive.

grass / cut ✓    I / send    it / clean    my hair / cut    she / interview    watch / repair

- ▶ 'Can we play on the football pitch?' 'No, *the grass is being cut.*'  
 1 'Can't you wear your blue suit tonight?' 'No, .....'  
 2 'Did Alice get that new job?' 'Not yet - ..... today.'  
 3 'What time is it?' 'Sorry, I don't know: .....'  
 4 'Why the big smile?' '..... to Hawaii for a week.'  
 5 I usually read a magazine while .....

- 2 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY: travelling by air  
 Make sure you know the words in the box. Use a dictionary if necessary. Then make six or more sentences about what is being done in this airport.

SUBJECTS: baggage    boarding passes    business people    cars    departures  
 passengers ✓    passports    reservations    tickets  
 VERBS: announce    check    check in ✓    make    meet    park    print    sell    x-ray

Passengers are being checked in.  
 .....  
 .....

## present perfect passive *The house has been sold.*

1	<i>I have been seen</i>	<i>you have been seen</i>	<i>he/she/it has been seen etc</i>
2	<i>have I been seen?</i>	<i>have you been seen?</i>	<i>has he/she/it been seen? etc</i>
3	<i>I have not been seen</i>	<i>you have not been seen</i>	<i>he/she/it has not been seen etc</i>
For contractions ( <i>I've</i> etc), see page 277.			

We use the **present perfect passive** like the present perfect active (see pages 54–61), to talk about past actions and events which are important now – for example, when we give people news.

*The house on the corner has been sold.*      *We haven't been invited to Ann's party.*

- 1 News: put the verbs into the present perfect passive.

- ▶ A new university *has been opened* ..... in Kew today by the Prince of Wales. (*open*)  
 1 Lord Retlaw ..... for drunk driving. (*arrest*)  
 2 An old painting from a school in Wales ..... for \$250,000  
 by an American museum. (*buy*)  
 3 An 18-year-old soldier ..... in an accident in Devon. (*kill*)  
 4 The two lost children ..... alive and well in a London park. (*find*)  
 5 An unknown actor ..... to star in the new film of 'Macbeth'. (*choose*)