

present progressive passive *It's being cleaned.*

1	I am being watched	you are being watched	he/she/it is being watched etc
2	am I being watched?	are you being watched?	is he/she/it being watched? etc
3	I am not being watched	you are not being watched	he/she/it is not being watched etc
For contractions (I'm, isn't 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 have been seen	you have been seen	he/she/it has been seen etc
2	have I been seen?	have you been seen?	has he/she/it been seen? etc
3	I have not been seen	you have not been seen	he/she/it has not been seen etc
For contractions (I've 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)