

**Unit 43**

**Passive (2) (present and past tenses)**

These are the passive forms of the present and past tenses:

*Present simple*     **am/is/are + done/cleaned** etc.

*Active:*     Somebody **cleans** **this room** every day.

*Passive:*     **This room** **is cleaned** every day.

Many accidents **are caused** by dangerous driving.  
I'm **not** often **invited** to parties.  
How many people **are injured** in road accidents every day?

*Past simple*     **was/were + done/cleaned** etc.

*Active:*     Somebody **cleaned** **this room** yesterday.  
During the night we **were** all **woken** up by a loud explosion.  
When **was** that castle **built**?  
The house **wasn't** **damaged** in the storm but a tree **was** **blown** down.

*Present continuous*     **am/is/are being + done/cleaned** etc.

*Active:*     Somebody **is cleaning** **the room** at the moment.

*Passive:*     **The room** **is being cleaned** at the moment.

Look at those old houses! They **are being** **knocked** down.  
(shop assistant to customer) **Are you being** **served**, madam?

*Past continuous*     **was/were being + done/cleaned** etc.

*Active:*     Somebody **was cleaning** **the room** when I arrived.

*Passive:*     **The room** **was being cleaned** when I arrived.

Suddenly I heard footsteps behind me. We were **being** **followed**.

*Present perfect*     **have/has been + done/cleaned** etc.

*Active:*     The room looks nice. Somebody **has cleaned** **it**.

*Passive:*     The room looks nice. **It** **has been cleaned**.

Have you heard the news? The president **has been** **shot**.  
**Have you ever** **been** **bitten** by a dog?  
I'm not going to the party. I **haven't** **been** **invited**.

*Past perfect*     **had been + done/cleaned** etc.

*Active:*     The room looked much better. Somebody **had cleaned** **it**.

*Passive:*     The room looked much better. **It** **had been cleaned**.

Jim didn't know about the change of plans. He **hadn't** **been** **told**.

*Past continuous*     **was/were being + done/cleaned** etc.