



- Can any of you help me with that report, please?
- I'm afraid, everybody is very busy at the moment, Tony. Richard **is being interviewed** by some students who are visiting our offices today. And when I saw Ed five minutes ago, he **was being informed** about our new project by the chief editor. Just for your information, the front page of the magazine is almost ready, though. In fact, it **is being printed** at the moment.

Passive Voice II

We form the **Progressive tenses** in the Passive Voice with the appropriate form of the verb **be + being + the past participle of the main verb**.

Present Progressive	Past Progressive
<p><i>I am being called</i> <i>Are you being called?</i> <i>They aren't being called</i></p>	<p><i>I was being called</i> <i>Were you being called?</i> <i>They weren't being called</i></p>
	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs such as know, believe, say, think, etc. are often followed by a that clause in the Active Voice and can be used to make general statements. 	<i>People believe that he is very rich.</i>
<p>With the verbs above, the Passive Voice can be formed in two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It + passive form of verb + that clause • subject + passive form of verb + to + base form 	<p><i>It is believed that he is very rich.</i> <i>He is believed to be very rich.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a verb (<i>give, offer, send, etc.</i>) takes two objects in the Active Voice, there are two ways of forming the Passive Voice. 	<p>Active Voice: <i>They gave William a present.</i> Passive Voice: <i>William was given a present.</i> OR: <i>A present was given to William.</i></p>

Grammar Practice

A Rewrite the sentences in the Passive Voice.

1. Critics believe his new novel is the most exciting of the year.

It _____.

2. They have offered Charles a new job.

Charles _____.

3. People think Alex will win the competition.

It _____.

4. They are renovating the hotel at the moment.

The hotel _____.

5. Emily wrapped the presents for the twins.

The presents _____.

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Active or the Passive Voice.

1. We _____ (can/not/discuss) the problem right now.

2. The tests _____ (return) to the students next Friday.

3. The famous tennis player _____ (interview) at the moment.

4. The Fosters _____ (buy) a new car recently.

5. Fruit and vegetables _____ (think) to be essential for a healthy diet.

6. Lots of presents _____ (give) to Robert last year.

7. Mike's father _____ (fall) asleep when the news started.

8. The players _____ (make) to run around the court five times yesterday.

C Circle the correct answer.

Larry Davidson is a famous TV presenter. Every day he presents a popular programme that many people (1) **watch / are watched**. Today is a big day for Larry because the president (2) **is going to be interviewed / is going to interview** on his programme. Serious problems (3) **are going to discuss / are going to be discussed** and important announcements (4) **may be made / may make**, so the interview (5) **will watch / will be watched** by millions of people.

When Larry arrived at the studio this morning, everyone was very busy. A report about the president (6) **was being prepared / was preparing** and (7) **must finish / had to be finished** before the programme started. The cameras (8) **were checking / were being checked** by the cameramen and the telephones (9) **were ringing / were being rung** non-stop.

Now the president (10) **has arrived / has been arrived** and Larry is getting ready for the interview. He is in his dressing room and a hairdresser (11) **is being styled / is styling** his hair. In the studio, last minute problems (12) **are being taken care of / are taking care of**.



D Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. You must use between two and five words including the word given.

- They believe that Dave Collins is a successful photographer.
believed It _____ Dave Collins is a successful photographer.
- The firemen were putting out the fire when the building collapsed.
was The fire _____ when the building collapsed.
- Their teacher told them that they could leave earlier.
were They _____ that they could leave earlier.
- We gave a present to John for his graduation.
was John _____ for his graduation.
- The chambermaid was cleaning my room when I arrived back at the hotel.
being My room _____ by the chambermaid when I arrived back at the hotel.
- Uncle Teddy is building the new garage.
built The new garage _____ by uncle Teddy.

Vocabulary Practice

A Choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

put (sth) forward: suggest a plan, proposal, or idea for consideration

put sb up: provide food and accommodation in one's own house

put up with (sth/sb): tolerate sth/sb

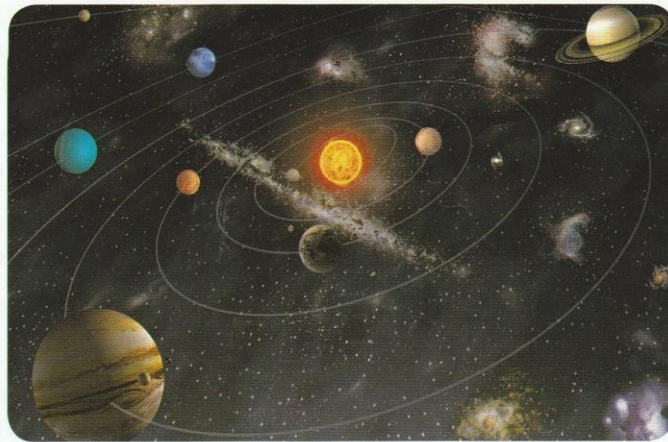
put sth out: extinguish sth, stop sth from burning

put sth together: assemble sth, make sth by fitting parts together

put sb through: connect sb by telephone

- You must tidy up your bedroom right now. I can't _____ that mess any longer.
a. put forward b. put together c. put up with
- The suggestions which were _____ yesterday will be seriously considered.
a. put up with b. put forward c. put together
- Tommy was looking forward to _____ his new model plane.
a. putting together b. putting forward c. putting out
- Please, _____ all the candles before you go to bed.
a. put forward b. put up with c. put out
- Don't worry, Martin, we can _____ you _____ for the night.
a. put ... up b. put ... forward c. put ... through
- Could you please _____ me _____ to Mr Hill?
a. put ... out b. put ... through c. put ... together

B Fill in the word formation table and then complete the text using the correct derivative.



	VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
1.	popularise	_____	_____	popularly
2.	mix	_____	mixed	-
3.	_____	_____	dangerous, endangered	_____
4.	-	_____, _____	_____	scientifically
5.	base	_____, basis	_____	_____
6.	realise	_____	real	_____
7.	_____	_____	recognisable	recognisably
8.	_____	_____	_____	imaginatively

Will deep space travel ever become a (1) _____? It is a question that many people have often wondered about. (2) _____ do believe that humans will probably succeed in travelling to other planets in our solar system but not to stars or planets outside our solar system. Their reasoning is (3) _____ on the fact that space is huge and it would take a tremendous amount of time and energy to get even to the nearest star. And of course we can only imagine how (4) _____ such a mission would be. Still the idea of exploring space continues to grow in (5) _____. I for one, however, have (6) _____ feelings on whether governments should be spending so much money on space exploration when there are so many problems here on Earth that deserve greater (7) _____. Until we find a cheaper and safer way to explore space and really find out what's out there, we'll just have to use our (8) _____ to satisfy our curiosity.

- REAL
- SCIENCE
- BASE
- DANGER
- POPULAR
- MIX
- RECOGNISE
- IMAGINE