



- 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>
	<b>Examples</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbs such as <b>know, believe, say, think</b>, etc. are often followed by a <b>that clause</b> in the Active Voice and can be used to make general statements.</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• <b>It + passive form of verb + that clause</b></li> <li>• <b>subject + passive form of verb + to + base form</b></li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Active Voice:</b> <i>They gave William a present.</i>  <b>Passive Voice:</b> <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

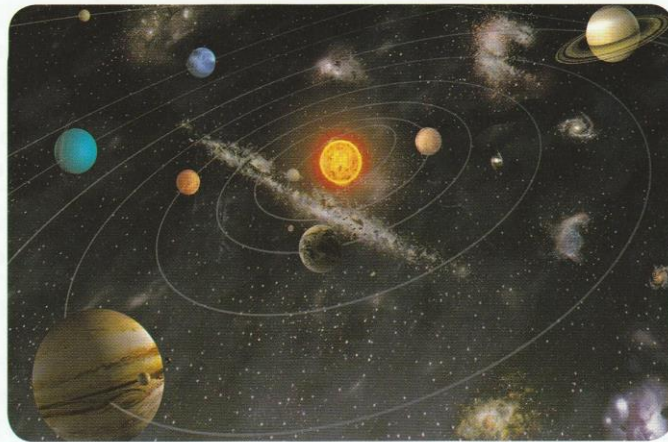
**put sth out:** extinguish sth, stop sth from burning

**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