

PASSIVE VOICE ACROSS TENSES

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What **is being repaired** near your home?

Answer: The old bridge **is being repaired**. A temporary route **has been opened** for cyclists.

Remember: Passive: an appropriate form of be + past participle; continuous passive includes being.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What _____ near you now? (build; in progress)

Answer: _____

2. What _____ in your town recently? (improve; present perfect)

Answer: _____

3. How _____ you _____ about a recent change? (inform; past)

Answer: _____

4. What _____ before your next event? (prepare; future)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. yet / been / solved / problem / the / has

2. workplace / being / changed / is / your / at / what

3. building / the / will / be / when / reopened

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. is / being built - What is being built near you now?

Sample answer: A new library is being built near the station, so the road is partly closed.

2. has / been improved - What has been improved in your town recently?

Sample answer: The bus service has been improved, with more buses in the evening.

3. were / informed - How were you informed about a recent change?

Sample answer: I was informed by email, but I didn't see it until the following day.

4. will / be prepared - What will be prepared before your next event?

Sample answer: The room will be prepared by the volunteers before the guests arrive.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Has the problem been solved yet?

2. What is being changed at your workplace?

3. When will the building be reopened?

TEACHER NOTES

Allow sensible passive alternatives with a different noun or time focus in personal answers; maintain agreement.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.