

# is being done has been done (passive 2)

**A**

Is/are being . . . (present continuous passive)



Somebody **is painting** the door. (active)

The door **is being painted**. (passive)

- My car is at the garage. It **is being repaired**. (= somebody is repairing it)
- Some new houses **are being built** across from the park. (= somebody is building them)

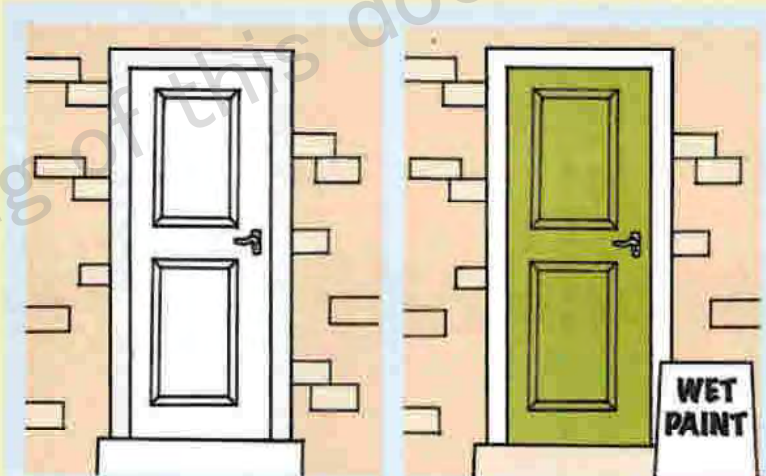
Compare the present continuous passive and simple present passive:

- The office **is being cleaned** right now. (present continuous passive)  
The office **is cleaned** every day. (simple present passive)
- In the United States, football games **are** usually **played** on weekends, but no big games **are being played** next weekend.

For the present continuous and simple present, see Units 8 and 26.

**B**

Has/have been . . . (present perfect passive)



Somebody **has painted** the door. (active)

The door **has been painted**. (passive)

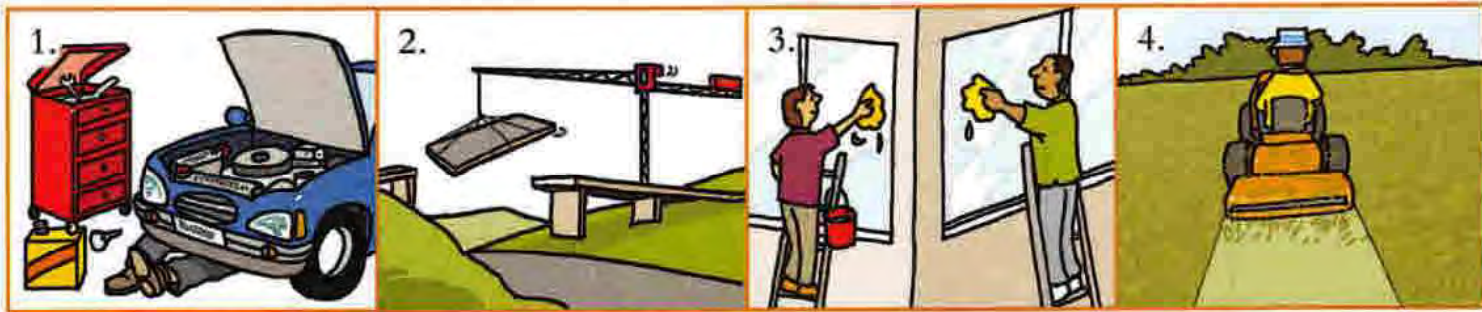
- My key **has been stolen**. (= somebody has stolen it)
- My keys **have been stolen**. (= somebody has stolen them)
- I'm not going to the party. I **haven't been invited**. (= nobody has invited me)
- **Has** this shirt **been washed**? (= has somebody washed it?)

Compare the present perfect and simple past:

- The room isn't dirty any more. It **has been cleaned**. (present perfect passive)  
The room **was cleaned** yesterday. (simple past passive)
- I can't find my keys. I think they've **been stolen**. (present perfect passive)  
My keys **were stolen** last week. (simple past passive)

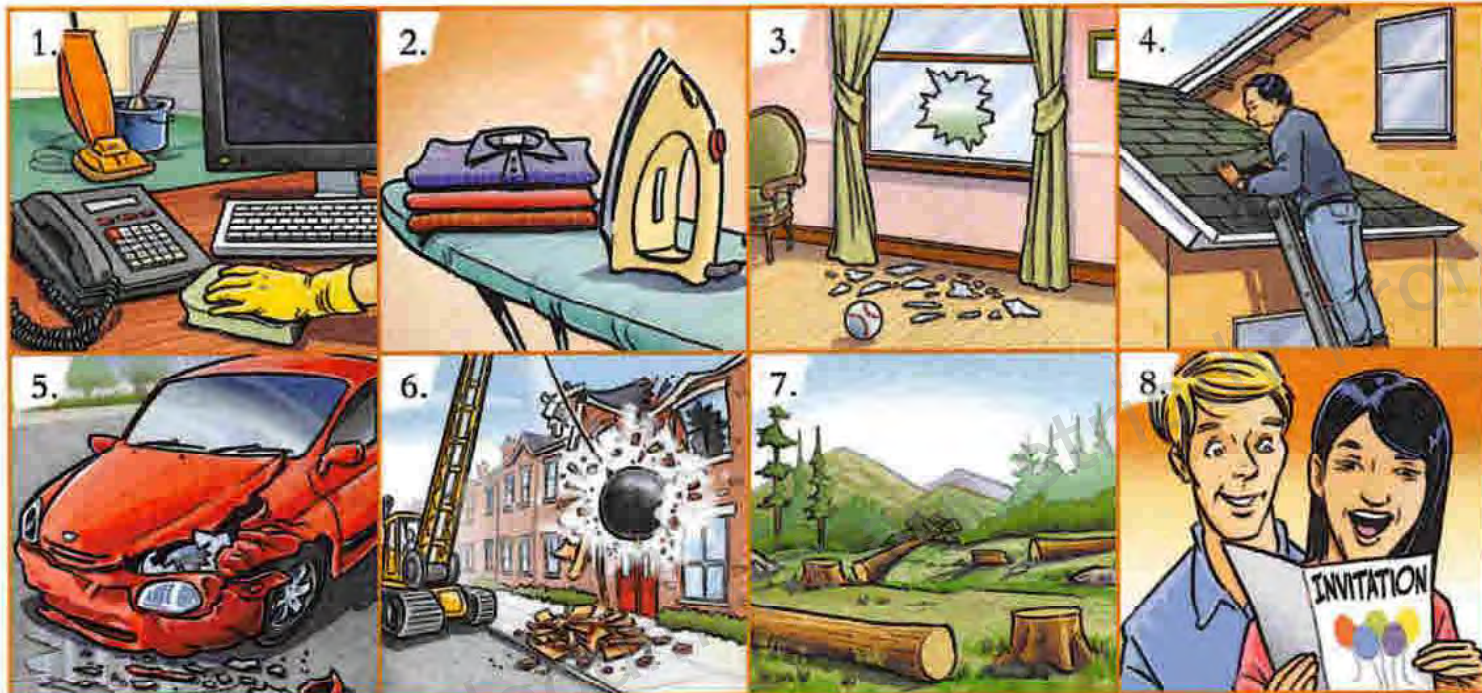
For the present perfect and simple past, see Units 19–21.

## 23.1 What's happening?



1. The car is being repaired.      3. The windows \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. A bridge \_\_\_\_\_      4. The grass \_\_\_\_\_

## 23.2 Look at the pictures. What is happening or what has happened? Use the present continuous (is/are being ...) or the present perfect (has/have been ...).



1. (the office / clean) The office is being cleaned.  
 2. (the shirts / iron) The shirts have been ironed.  
 3. (the window / break) The window \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. (the roof / repair) The roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. (the car / damage) \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. (the houses / tear / down) \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. (the trees / cut / down) \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. (they / invite / to a party) \_\_\_\_\_

## 23.3 Complete the sentences. (Study Unit 22 before you do this exercise.)

1. I can't use my office right now. It is being painted (paint).  
 2. We didn't go to the party. We weren't invited (not / invite).  
 3. The washing machine was broken, but it's OK now. It \_\_\_\_\_ (repair).  
 4. The washing machine \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) yesterday afternoon.  
 5. A factory is a place where things \_\_\_\_\_ (make).  
 6. How old are these houses? When \_\_\_\_\_ (they / build)?  
 7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (the computer / use) at the moment?  
 B: Yes, Steve is using it.  
 8. I've never seen these flowers before. What \_\_\_\_\_ (they / call)?  
 9. My sunglasses \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) at the beach yesterday.  
 10. The bridge is closed. It \_\_\_\_\_ (damage) last week, and it \_\_\_\_\_ (not / repair) yet.