

PASSIVES

PRESENT AND PAST PASSIVES: subject + present/past simple + past participle

Flour **is used** to make bread.
 Many children **are read** to by their parents.
 Ulysses **was written** by James Joyce.
 The bank robbers **were arrested** two days later.

PRESENT AND PAST CONTINUOUS PASSIVES: subject + present/past simple + BEING + past participle

A new hotel **is being built** near the station.
 These ideas **are being discussed** as we speak.
 At that time, the country **was being governed** by a dictator.
 I thought that **we were being followed** by someone.

PRESENT AND PAST PERFECT PASSIVES: subject + have (has)/had + BEEN + past participle

She **has been promoted** recently.
 Many families **have been affected** by the virus.
 Up to then, nothing like it **had been discovered**.
 They **had been found** guilty in the first trial.

MODAL PASSIVES: subject + modal verb + BE + past participle

I'm sure that a cure **will be found** in the near future.
 The issue **should be investigated** further.
 The castle **can be seen** from the road.
 He thinks that the project **could be finished** by March.