

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*:

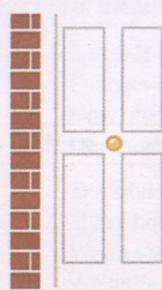
- The office **is being cleaned** right now. (*present continuous passive*)
The office **is cleaned** every day. (*simple present passive*)
- Football games **are** usually **played** on weekends, but no big games **are being played** next weekend.

For the *present continuous* and *simple present*, see Units 8 and 24.

B

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

before



now

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 passive* and *simple past passive*:

- The room isn't dirty anymore. 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 Unit 19.

Exercises

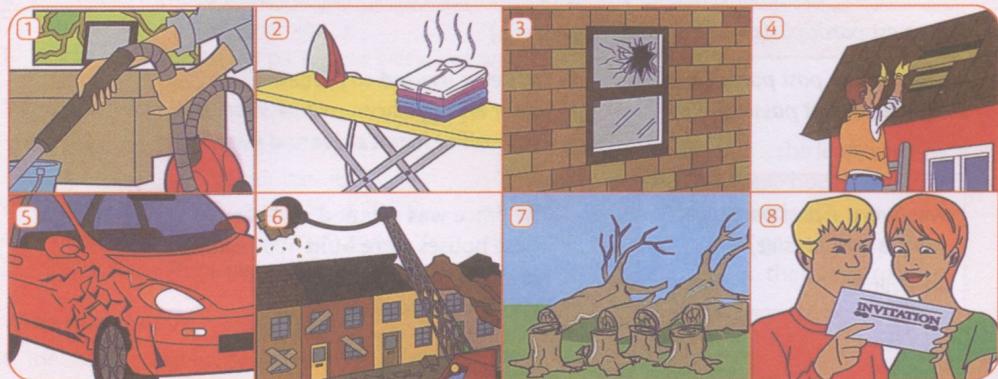
Unit 21

21.1 What's happening?



1 The car is being repaired.
2 A bridge is being built.
3 The windows are being cleaned.
4 The grass is being cut.

21.2 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 has broken.
4 (the roof / repair) The roof is being repaired.
5 (the car / damage) The car has damaged.
6 (the houses / tear / down) The houses are being torn down.
7 (the trees / cut / down) The trees have been cut down.
8 (they / invite / to a party) They are inviting us to a party.

21.3 Complete the sentences. (Study Unit 20 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 has been repaired (repair).
4 The washing machine was repaired (repair) yesterday afternoon.
5 A factory is a place where things are made (make).
6 How old are these houses? When were they built? (they/build)?
7 A: Is the photocopier in use? (the photocopier / use) right now?
B: No. You can use it.
8 I've never seen these flowers before. What have they called? (they/call)?
9 My sunglasses were stolen (steal) at the beach yesterday.
10 The bridge is closed. It was damaged (damage) last week, and it hasn't been repaired (not/repair) yet.