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**Present Continuous Passive** is used to talk about some **ongoing actions** performed at the moment of speaking or around it.

- Nick's order **is being delivered** to the nearest store.
- Our dinner **is being cooked** as we speak.
- Visitors are being checked in at the hotel.

### **Present Continuous Passive structure**

First, let's refresh the Present Continuous structure with the Active Voice:

[subject] + am/is/are + -ing verb

To make statements with the **Present Continuous Passive**, use:

**am/is/are** + **being** + the **Past Participle** form of the verb

In the picture below, you can see the word order changes in the Passive voice - the subject and the object of the sentence change places.



# TABLE OF ENGLISH TENSES IN PASSIVE VOICE

#### **■** The Present Continuous Tense

Active: S + am/is/are + V-ing + O

Passive: S + am/is/are + being +PP + by + O

EX: He is writing a novel at the moment.

→ A novel is being written (by him) at the moment.

via http://images.myshared.ru/18/1250944/slide 3.jpg

Singular Plural

I am being taught
You are being taught
He/she/it is being taught
They are being taught

- My car is at the garage, it **is being repaired**.
- A letter **is being written** by her.

## When to use Present Continuous Passive

We use Present Continuous Passive for actions happening right now or in progress at the moment of speaking when we want to focus attention on the person or thing affected by the action, when the subject is unknown, unclear or irrelevant.

- A new supermarket **is being built** in the city center.
- My articles **are being typed** at the moment.

Here's a good video from Ustazy that illustrates the difference between Present Continuous active and passive voice:



## **Negative forms of Present Continuous Passive**

To make a negative form of Present Continuous Passive, insert '**not**' between 'am/is/are' and 'being' (you can also use 'isn't' or 'aren't).

- The work **is not being performed** at the moment because the customer did not pay in time.
- The classrooms aren't being cleaned now.

# **Questions in Present Continuous Passive**

The structure for asking questions in Present Continuous Passive is:

am/is/are + [subject] + being + Past Participle

- What houses **are being built** opposite the park?
- Is the party being prepared by her?

See also:

Passive Voice: Overview

Present Continuous Tense: Statements

Past Continuous Passive