



Present Continuous Tense (Passive)

Sanuji Karunasekara
Teacher of English
Reggie Ranatunga Science College

Uses

- Passive voice is used when the focus is on the action. It is not important or not known, however, who or what is performing the action.

Ex:- **My bike was stolen.**

- Sometimes a statement in passive is more polite than active voice.

Ex:- **A mistake was made.** (You made a mistake)

Sanuji Karunasekara

Reggie Ranatunga Science College



Pronoun Chart

	Subject Pronouns	Object Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives	Possessive Pronouns	Reflexive Pronouns
1 st person	I	me	my	mine	myself
2 nd person	you	you	your	yours	yourself
3 rd person (male)	he	him	his	his	himself
3 rd person (female)	she	her	her	hers	herself
3 rd person	it	it	its	(not used)	itself
1 st person (plural)	we	us	our	ours	ourselves
2 nd person (plural)	you	you	your	yours	yourselves
3 rd person (plural)	they	them	their	theirs	themselves

Sanuji Karunasekara



Pattern

S + (be) + being + past participle

Mala is singing a song.

A song is being sung by Mala
Sanuji Karunasekara



They are riding bicycles.

Bicycles are being ridden by them



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College

Negative Form

S + (be) + not + being + past participle

She is not (isn't) writing a letter.

A letter isn't being written by her.



Sanuji Karunasekara

Reggie Ranatunga Science College

Question Form

(be) + S + being + past participle

Is she eating a bun?

Is a bun being eaten by her?



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College

The passive forms of these sentences will begin with be (is/am/are).

Example:

Active: Are the masons building a house?

Passive: Is a house being built by the masons?

When the active sentence begins with a question word such as when, why, which and how, the passive sentence will also begin with a question word.

Active: Why is he not learning his lessons?

Passive: Why are his lessons not being learnt by him?



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College

When the active sentence begins with who, the passive sentence will begin with by whom.

When the active sentence begins with whom, the passive sentence will begin with who.

Example:-

Active: Who is waiting for you?

Passive: **By whom** are you being waited for?

Active: Whom are you waiting for?

Passive: **Who** is being waited for by you?

Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College



Rewrite the sentences in passive voice

1. Sheila is drinking a cup of tea.
2. My father is washing the car.
3. Farmer Joe is milking the cows.
4. She is taking a picture of him.
5. I am writing a poem.
6. We are not playing football.
7. He is not wearing a tie.
8. Is she preparing the party?
9. Are they talking about the meeting?
10. Is she watering the flowers?

Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College



1. They are building a new town hall in our town.
2. They are repairing this car.
3. The family is waiting for you now.
4. They are mending my piano at the moment.
5. They are just doing their homework.
6. What books are people reading this year?
7. Are they sending for you?
8. Mrs. Brown is making the beds.
9. The robot is washing the clothes.
10. We are doing an exercise.



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College

Complete these sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the present continuous passive.

1. Look at that! A new supermarket
in this street. (build)
2. Your car will be ready soon. It just
(wash)
3. You can't see the horses, they
now. (feed)
4. What's the problem? The film
today. (not- show)
5. Wait a minute please. The dinner
for you. (prepare)



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College

1. Because of the fire children
at their classrooms. (not - teach)
2. I can't use my PC. A new operating system
on it. (install)
3. The pool is now full of hair because swim caps
in it. (not - use)
4. Christmas is coming and much more goods
in shops. (display)
5. I'm sorry, it's 10 o'clock. Customers
anymore. (not - serve)



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College



1) floor - polish

E.g. : The floor is being polished.



4) cake - decorate



2) table - set



5) flowers - pick



3) hall - decorate



6) bush - prune

Sanuji Karunasekara

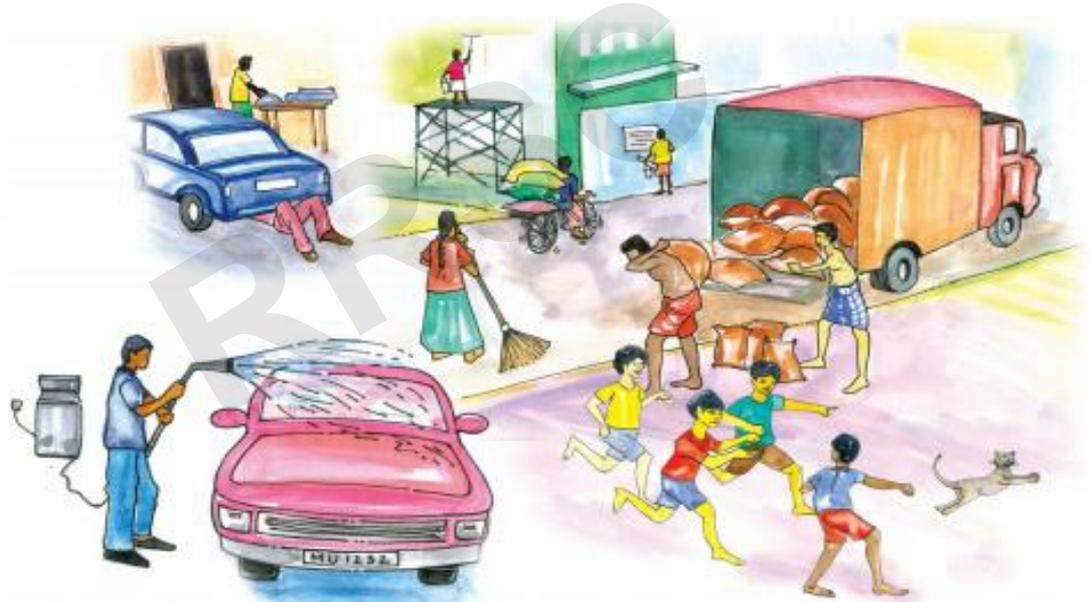
Reggie Ranatunga Science College



👍😊 **Activity 06**

Form passive voice sentences to describe what is happening in the picture.

E.g.: The goods **are being unloaded** from a lorry.



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College



 **Activity 07**

Reading and Writing

The hotel crew is busy at work. The manager wants to check whether everything is going well. He asks the following questions. Read them carefully.

- a) Is the food being served at this moment?
- b) Is the hall being decorated?
- c) Are the chairs being arranged?
- d) Are the two swimming pools being cleaned?



Sanuji Karunasekara
Reggie Ranatunga Science College



Sanuji Karunasekara

Reggie Ranatunga Science College

