

Book: Interchange 3

Level: 9th

Unit: 7

Objective: Using the passive in the present continuous and perfect and prepositions of cause.

Present Continuous Passive and Present Perfect Passive

Describing cause with by, because of, due to, through, and as a result of

To form the **present continuous passive**, use
is/are + being + past participle
which gives the idea that an action is in progress right now.

To form the **present perfect passive**, use
has / have + been + past participle
which gives the idea that something happened before now (the exact time isn't important).

Use **by, because of / due to, through, and as a result of** to show that one thing caused another.

Present continuous of be

The continuous is used mainly for deliberate actions, so the verb be is rarely used in the continuous. Here are some exceptions.

- In passive sentences
The ozone layer is being depleted.
- With certain adjectives to imply that the subject is acting in this way
Companies are being irresponsible when they dump dangerous wastes into our water.
(= They're acting irresponsibly.)
That country is being careless with its forests and rivers. (= It's acting carelessly.)

Infinitive clauses and phrases

One thing to do about it is to ...
Another way to stop them is to...
The best way to help is to...
One way to reduce trash in the city is to...