

5 The passive form

A Why is the passive used in this sentence? More than one answer may be correct.

A survey has been carried out recently.

- 1 because we don't know who did the action
- 2 because we're not interested in who did the action
- 3 because both the action and the person who did it are important

B Read this paragraph about the Internet and choose the correct form of the verb.

Surfing the Net

People who ¹ *have been grown / have grown* up with the Internet ² *have just begun / have just been beginning* to realise what its possibilities are. However, the idea that a relatively new method of communication also requires a new set of formal and informal rules of behaviour ³ *has largely been being / has largely been ignored*. Take, for example, the many teenage girls who ⁴ *have been discovered / have discovered* the Buckingham Palace website and ⁵ *have been sent / have been sending* Prince William 'very friendly' emails. William's grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh ⁶ *has certainly not been / has certainly not being* impressed by the emails he ⁷ *has been received / has been receiving*. He says that most of the messages he ⁸ *has been sent / has sent* are asking whether he is the name of a public house!

C Now tell a partner what you've been doing on the computer.



Just checking

Are these statements true or false?

- 1 We use the past simple to talk about something which happened at an indefinite time in the past.
- 2 We use the present perfect to talk about an action which began in the past and is still happening now.
- 3 We use the present perfect continuous to emphasise the length of time an action has been going on.
- 4 We use the passive when both the action and the person who did it are important.
- 5 We can use all verbs in the present perfect continuous.

Let's activate!

6 Our website



A website is a place where you can create and read information on the Internet, e.g. information about your school, hobbies, friends. Any information you like can be put on your website, and you can have any number of pages.

A Work in groups. Imagine your group has set up a website. Make notes about:

- when you started the website.
- the purpose of the website.
- the content – what is on each page.
- visitors to the website – who are they and how many?

B Tell someone from another group about your website.

- Give some information about what it contains.
- Say who has visited your website.
- Say what changes you have made recently to update or improve it.
- Describe what you have been doing this week on your website.

Vocabulary

1 Confusing words

Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

effect / affect

- In order to create a positive _____, always smile at the end of an interview.
- Many people were _____ by the transport strike.
- The medicine had a bad _____ on Phil. He felt ill all day.
- The increase in global warming will _____ the weather world-wide.

mistake / error

- Clare was very pleased. She only made one _____ in her homework.
- We couldn't use the Internet because of a computer _____.

hard / hardly

- The band wasn't very popular. There were _____ any people at the concert.
- Although climbing the mountain was _____, Sam continued until he reached the top.

notice / look

- On her way home, Susan _____ a strange man on the corner of the street.
- Paul loves going to art galleries. He could _____ at paintings all day.

2 Words that go together

Choose the correct word to complete these sentences.

- I could tell by his _____ of voice that he was angry.
a tone b type c level
- What's the _____ of applying for a job you're not interested in?
a reason b point c need
- If you take the _____ to practise your body language, you'll do well in your interview.
a effort b trouble c hours
- Mark tried to get Karen's attention, but she _____ no notice of him.
a made b took c had
- Tom has been _____ in a strange way ever since he lost his job.
a being b performing c behaving
- I can't go out tonight. I have to _____ for a job interview.
a practise b revise c prepare
- If you want to _____ a good impression, wear a suit.
a make b do c have
- It was at that _____ in the conversation that I decided to interrupt.
a place b part c point

3 Word building

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form in the sentences.

- Winning an Olympic medal was a great _____ for the young British athlete. (achieve)
- A lot of _____ was necessary for the expedition to the North Pole. (prepare)
- Dave didn't make a good first _____. He was too nervous. (impress)
- The dress _____ for this evening has been cancelled. (rehearse)
- When the fire alarm went off, everyone had to leave the _____. (build)
- The funny _____ on Sue's face made everybody laugh. (express)
- Dr Thomson is a _____ in body language. He has been studying it for many years. (specialise)
- Nowadays, mobile phones are the most popular form of _____. (communicate)
- Tina's unusual _____ really impressed the model agency. (appear)
- The _____ of the ship made Jane feel seasick. (move)

4 Spellcheck

Look at how we spell the word *noticeable*.

We keep the final *-e* when adding endings when we want to keep the *-s* or *-j* sounds on words ending in *-ce* and *-ge*, but not when the ending begins with *-e* or *-i*.

Add the endings to these words.

- notice + *-ing*
- change + *-able*
- change + *-ed*
- advantage + *-ous*
- service + *-able*
- courage + *-ous*
- peace + *-able*
- race + *-ing*

Grammar

5 Present perfect and past simple

Write complete sentences using these notes.

Example

I / not go to / a circus / since / I / child.

I haven't been to a circus since I was a child.

- 1 John / not fly / in a plane/ since / he / ten.
- 2 Rachel / see / any film stars / since / she / arrive / in Hollywood?
- 3 Mark / not stop playing / computer games / since / he / buy / a computer.
- 4 Pam / want to be / a vet / since / she / a child.
- 5 Since / he / start / rollerblading / Graham / fall over / three times.
- 6 Julie / not speak / to Sam / since / they / have an argument.
- 7 Tim / be learning / German / since / he / start school.
- 8 Since Linda / see / the film *Titanic* / she / not be / on a boat.

6 Present perfect simple or continuous?

A Choose the most suitable form of the verb in these sentences.

- 1 Paul *has lived* / *has been living* in Manchester for the past couple of months, but now he's back in Bristol.
- 2 You look pleased!
 - *I've just won* / *I've just been winning* the lottery.
- 3 Shaun has got a headache.
 - *Has he been playing* / *Has he played* computer games?
- 4 Why is Debbie upset?
 - *She has just failed* / *has just been failing* her exam.
- 5 How long *has Greg been playing* / *has Greg played* basketball?
 - Since he was fifteen years old.
- 6 John *has applied* / *has been applying* for jobs recently.
- 7 He *has had* / *has been having* six interviews since December.
- 8 You're very dirty. What *have you been doing* / *have you done*?
 - *I've been cleaning* / *have cleaned* my bike.
- 9 Linda *has been writing* / *has written* emails all morning.
 - How many emails *has she written* / *has she been writing*?

B Make questions with the present perfect simple or continuous. Sometimes both may be possible.

- 1 Rob is on the phone at the moment.
How many phone calls / make?
- 2 Beth is an actress in New York.
How long / work / as an actress?
- 3 Peter is listening to some CDs at the moment.
How many / CDs / listen to?
- 4 They're leaving St Petersburg today.
How long / be / there?
- 5 Clare borrowed my new *Madonna* CD.
How long / have it?
- 6 Helen plays football at the weekend.
How long / play football?
- 7 Jack has got another computer game.
How many computer games / buy?
- 8 Tina has got two dogs and a cat.
How long / have them?

7 Missing words

Complete each gap 1–20 with one word.

Have you ¹ ever told a lie? Did people believe you? According ² _____ research, whether it's to avoid arguments or to get what we want, more ³ _____ more of us are lying – and getting away with it. Linda White from Manchester is a good example. Last year Linda got engaged. Unfortunately she didn't like some ⁴ _____ the friends her husband asked to the engagement party. At first Linda wasn't sure ⁵ _____ to do. Then she had an idea. She would invite them all, ⁶ _____ on the wrong day! People also lie about ⁷ _____ careers. Some add extra qualifications to their curriculum vitae, or make up previous jobs ⁸ _____ an interview. Robert Pool has ⁹ _____ working as a retail manager ¹⁰ _____ three years. When he ¹¹ _____ interviewed for his job he said he had a degree ¹² _____ Management. He didn't, but his employers believed ¹³ _____.

More typically, people tend to lie ¹⁴ _____ they meet someone for the first time. They want to ¹⁵ _____ a good impression, so they lie about how ¹⁶ _____ they can play a sport, what places they ¹⁷ _____ been to, or the things they own.

But how can we tell if someone ¹⁸ _____ lying? The answer is watch their body language. Most people find it difficult to look directly ¹⁹ _____ someone when they are ²⁰ _____ a lie. They can't keep their hands still and they often touch their nose or their mouth. So if you make a new friend, watch their body language – it could reveal more than you think!