

Grammar Challenge

Present perfect passive

Practice



GRAMMAR CHALLENGE



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Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	Dinner ...
2.	Two people ...
3.	A new president ...
4.	A new species of frog ...
5.	The price of a bus ticket ...
6.	Three new schools ...
7.	A new type of microchip ...
8.	The statue ...

a.	... have been hurt in a car accident.
b.	... has been elected.
c.	... have been opened in the past year.
d.	... has been increased again.
e.	... has already been served.
f.	... has been damaged by acid rain.
g.	... has been discovered.
h.	... has been invented.

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Exercise 2:

Read the sentence and decide whether it is grammatically **correct** or **wrong**.

1. The new regulations have announced.
A. Correct
B. Wrong
2. Many accidents have been caused by careless driving.
A. Correct
B. Wrong
3. Three buildings has been damaged in the explosion.
A. Correct
B. Wrong
4. A lot of money was been stolen in the robbery.
A. Correct
B. Wrong
5. A man has been seriously injured in a traffic accident.
A. Correct
B. Wrong
6. Millions of mobile phones have being sold in Asia this year.
A. Correct
B. Wrong
7. Has this room been painted recently?
A. Correct
B. Wrong
8. Why have the president's trip been postponed?
A. Correct
B. Wrong
9. Has the suspect been arresting yet?
A. Correct
B. Wrong

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Exercise 3:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a-d which best fits the space.

1. Nearly 350 concert tickets ...
 - a. have been selling
 - b. have being sold
 - c. are be sold
 - d. have been sold

2. The president ... to hospital for an emergency operation.
 - a. taken
 - b. being taken
 - c. has been taken
 - d. was been taken

3. Your documents ... and were posted back to you today.
 - a. have been processed
 - b. have being processed
 - c. has been processed
 - d. have been processing

4. How many languages... into?
 - a. has this book translating
 - b. was this book been translated
 - c. has this book been translated
 - d. this book has been translated

5. ... yet?
 - a. Has this room been cleaned
 - b. Has this room been cleaning
 - c. This room has been cleaned
 - d. Has this room being cleaned

6. Angela ... to the party.
 - a. hasn't being invited
 - b. hasn't been invited
 - c. haven't been invited
 - d. hasn't invited

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Answers

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Exercise 2:

Read the sentence and decide whether it is grammatically **correct** or **wrong**.

- The new regulations have announced.
A. Correct – Try again – what word should be between 'have' and 'announced'?
B. Wrong – Well done – 'been' should be between 'have' and 'announced'.
- Many accidents have been caused by careless driving.
A. Correct – Well done – this sentence is grammatically correct.
B. Wrong – Try again – this sentence is grammatically correct.
- Three buildings has been damaged in the explosion.
A. Correct – Try again – you need to change the form of 'has'.
B. Wrong – Well done – 'has' should be changed to 'have'.
- A lot of money was been stolen in the robbery.
A. Correct – Try again – you need a different word instead of 'was'.
B. Wrong – Well done – 'was' should be changed to 'has'.
- A man has been seriously injured in a traffic accident.
A. Correct – Well done – this sentence is grammatically correct.
B. Wrong – Try again – this sentence is grammatically correct.

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6. Millions of mobile phones have being sold in Asia this year.
A. Correct – Try again – 'being' is wrong in this sentence.
B. Wrong – Well done – 'being' should be changed to 'been'.
7. Has this room been painted recently?
A. Correct – Well done – this sentence is grammatically correct.
B. Wrong – Try again – this sentence is grammatically correct.
8. Why have the president's trip been postponed?
A. Correct – Try again – the form of 'have' is wrong.
B. Wrong – Well done – 'have' should be changed to 'has'.
9. Has the suspect been arresting yet?
A. Correct – Try again – you need to use the past participle of 'arrest'
B. Wrong – Well done – 'arresting' should be replaced by 'arrested'.

Exercise 3:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a-d which best fits the space.

1. Nearly 350 concert tickets ...
a. have been selling – Wrong – you need to use a past participle, not an –ing form.
b. have being sold – Wrong – you need to use 'been', not 'being'.
c. are be sold – Wrong – you need to use 'have been', not 'are be'.
d. have been sold – Correct – this is the correct form of the present perfect passive.
2. The president ... to hospital for an emergency operation.
a. taken – Wrong – you need to use 'has been' as well as the past participle.
b. being taken – Wrong – you need to use 'has been' as well as the past participle.
c. has been taken – Correct – this is the correct form of the present perfect passive.
d. was been taken – Wrong – you need to use 'has' instead of 'was'.
3. Your documents ... and were posted back to you today.
a. have been processed – Correct – this is the correct form of the present perfect passive.
b. have being processed – Wrong – you need to use 'been', not 'being'.
c. has been processed – Wrong – 'have' must agree with the subject.
d. have been processing – Wrong – you need to use a past participle, not an –ing form.
4. How many languages ... into?
a. has this book translating – Wrong – You need to use 'been', and you also need a past participle, not an –ing form.
b. was this book been translated – Wrong – you need to use 'has' instead of 'was'.
c. has this book been translated – Correct – this is the correct form of the present perfect passive.
d. this book has been translated – Wrong – the words are in the wrong order.

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5. ... yet?

- a. **Has this room been cleaned – Correct – this is the correct form of the present perfect passive.**
- b. Has this room been cleaning – Wrong – You need to use a past participle, not an – ing form.
- c. This room has been cleaned – Wrong – the words are in the wrong order.
- d. Has this room being cleaned – Wrong – You need to use 'been', not 'being'.

6. Angela ... to the party.

- a. hasn't being invited – Wrong – You need to use 'been', not 'being'.
- b. **hasn't been invited – Correct – this is the correct form of the present perfect passive.**
- c. haven't been invited – Wrong – 'have' must agree with the subject.
- d. hasn't invited – Wrong – 'been' is missing.