

Hello. It's Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Expressions beginning with the letter "h"

The passive voice: the present continuous tense

tag questions

You're learning English, aren't you?

Half a loaf is better than none.

What does this mean?

Be happy with a little of something rather than nothing.

It's better to have something than nothing.

He *has a big mouth*.

He talks a lot. He talks too much. He says too much. He says more than he should.

He reveals a secret.

Here today, gone tomorrow.

Things come and things go.

Sometimes life is temporary.

Easy come, easy go. (money)

If you earn something easily, you can lose it easily.

Here goes nothing.

You say this just before you do something that might not be successful.

You build an engine. Before you start the engine, you say, "Here goes nothing."

Present continuous tense, passive voice

(be) being + past participle

A building is being constructed across the street.

We are being taught English now.

The teacher is teaching English to you.

refuse = to say no

refusal

She doesn't accept his refusal.

A shop is being opened next to my house in two weeks.

I am being trained on a computer.

The house across the street is being sold.
Someone is buying the house across the street.

I am being informed by my company that they are going out of business.

1. The baby is being fed by his mother.

I am being informed by my husband's lawyer that he is divorcing me.

2. My videos are being watched by a lot of people on YouTube.

3. Are you being helped? (help)

4. I am being followed by a strange person in the car behind me. (follow)

5. The room is being cleaned by the housekeeping staff. (clean)

Remember that the verb "be" indicates the verb tense in the passive voice.

Past Continuous Tense, Passive Voice

1. Too many children were being bitten by that dog, so the owners got rid of it. (bite)

Too many children were bitten by that dog....
(past tense, passive voice)

"mail" is a noncount noun, so you have to use the singular verb

2. Our mail was being delivered to the wrong address. (deliver)

two letters and a package = mail

Is this still happening?

No, the situation has changed.

3. A lot of money was being made by that company before the economic crisis. (make)

Is this still happening?

Weren't they being told the truth? (tell--negative)

You can use the verb "get" instead of the verb "be" in the passive voice:

5. Were you getting paid overtime for all those extra hours of work last month? (pay)

It's a good idea to write answers to quizzes by hand.

She was being helped, wasn't she?

You worked today, didn't you?

You went to work today, didn't you?

He'll be back later, won't he?

She likes ice cream, doesn't she?

She doesn't like ice cream, does she?

They're going to the game, aren't they?

Tag questions (the Orange Level)

I'm going to open up the webinar to questions.

I'm bored. (adjective)

I'm bored by this movie. (verb--passive)

It doesn't last.

Something isn't good for a long time. It wears off quickly. It doesn't work for very long.

Something is temporary.

The pain doesn't last.

Leaving from here, will my tickets get validated?

flee / fled / fled

To flee the scene of an accident is a crime.

flee = leave quickly

You're supposed to stay if you are involved.

We hope to see some result from the experiment.

They hope to see some results from their

increased advertising.

some results = good outcome; something good happens

Some money was given to them.

Their friends gave them some money.

They received some money.

Prepositions are very confusing.

I've been using gotowebinar.

I might try gotomeeting.

I'm still getting my gardens together.

