Advanced Passive Worksheet: Being Done, To Have Been Done

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Form	Example
being + participle (after verbs and prepositions)	I don't like being told what to do.
to be + participle (after want, expect, hope)	Everyone wants to be listened to.
to have been + participle (earlier action)	The painting is thought to have been stolen in 1990.
get + participle (informal, often unexpected) · need + -ing	He got fired. The windows need cleaning.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I hate to be interrupting.	I hate being interrupted.
She expects promoting soon.	She expects to be promoted soon.
The walls need to paint.	The walls need painting. / The walls need to be painted.

1. Complete

Complete with being, to be or to have been + the past participle of the verb in brackets.

1. Nobody likes _____ (lie) to.
2. The work is expected _____ (finish) by June.
3. He denies _____ (pay) for the information.
4. The letter appears _____ (open) before it arrived.
5. I can't stand _____ (keep) waiting.
6. She hopes _____ (choose) for the team.
7. After _____ (arrest), he was taken to the police station.
8. The castle is believed _____ (build) in the 12th century.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. I remember (being taken / taking) to the zoo as a child.
2. The house needs (painting / to paint).
3. He (got / was got) promoted last month.
4. She was the first woman (to be elected / to elect) mayor.
5. They seem (to have been / to be) married for ages.
6. I object to (being treated / be treated) like a child.
7. Our flight was cancelled without (being told / telling).
8. The documents are said (to be / to have been) destroyed years ago.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. I hate being interrupt.
2. She wants to be listen to.
3. The car needs to wash.
4. He is said to have be very rich.
5. They got arrest at the border.
6. I don't remember being tell about this.

Writing

Write 6–7 sentences about your experiences at work or school: what you like being asked to do, what you hate being told, and what you expect to be given in the future.

Speaking

- What do you love being given as a present?
- What do you hate being asked at family gatherings?
- How would you like to be remembered?
- What in your home needs fixing or cleaning right now?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 being lied · 2 to be finished · 3 being paid / having been paid · 4 to have been opened · 5 being kept · 6 to be chosen · 7 being arrested · 8 to have been built

2. Choose: 1 being taken · 2 painting · 3 got · 4 to be elected · 5 to have been · 6 being treated · 7 being told · 8 to have been

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 I hate being interrupted. · 2 She wants to be listened to. · 3 The car needs washing. / The car needs to be washed. · 4 He is said to have been very rich. · 5 They got arrested at the border. · 6 I don't remember being told about this.

Writing, model answer: In my job I really enjoy being given new challenges. I love being asked for my opinion in meetings. However, I can't stand being kept waiting by clients who are always late. I hate being told how to do things I've done for years. Next year I hope to be promoted to team leader. I also expect to be sent on a training course. I'd like to be remembered as someone who helped others.