

Lesson C: The Passive 2

A Complete each sentence with the present continuous form of the passive.

1. The way air travel affects the environment _____ (study) by scientists.
2. Faster, more fuel efficient planes (develop) _____.
3. More and more goods (carry) _____ by airplane.
4. People wonder if air travel (make) _____ safer with new technology.
5. Airlines report that fuel consumption (reduce) _____.

B Complete each sentence with the present perfect form of the passive.

1. New planes _____ (test) by the manufacturer.
2. Computers (use) _____ in airplane controls for decades.
3. The high-speed train (no used) _____ throughout the country.
4. In some cities, the car (replace) _____ by public transportation.
5. The pilot announced that maximum cruising altitude for the plane (reach) _____.

C Complete the paragraph with the present perfect continuous form of the passive.

The price of gasoline (1) _____ (rise) for months. At the same time, the number of commuters that (2) (use) _____ public transportation (3) (increase) _____. Experts say that this is not a surprise. With fewer cars on the road, traffic (4) (move) _____ more quickly, and pollution levels from car exhaust (5) (decrease) _____.

D Complete the paragraph with the present perfect form of the passive.

A new highway (1) _____ (build) on the outskirts of the city in order to ease traffic flow in the downtown areas. This road (2) (create) _____ as a way for people to get to and from the areas surrounding the city without cutting through the city. In general, commuters (3) (satisfy) _____ with the new route. Access to industrial parks and business parks located outside the city (4) (improve) _____. The only complaints (5) (relate) _____ to the toll that drivers must pay to use the road.