**The passive continuous and the passive infinitive**

The **present continuous of the passive** is formed by **am/is/are + being + past participle**

The **past continuous of the passive** is formed by **was/were + being + past participle**

The passive continuous is used when an **action is or was going on**

**Passive + indication of time**

* If there is an **indication of past time** in a sentence the **past tense** of the passive must be used

The department **was informed** yesterday

* If there is an **indication of future** time in a sentence, the **future tense** of the passive must be used

The new computers **will be installed** tomorrow

* If something **started in the past** and is still **going on in the present**, the **present perfect tense** of the passive must be used. This is clear from indications such as *since, for some years now, the last few weeks, lately etc*

This system **has been used** for years

**The passive infinitive** *(infinitive = het hele werkwoord)*

When the meaning of the infinitive is passive **the passive infinitive** is used in English.

The information is **to be found** on the Internet

The **active infinitive** is used after an **adjective** *(bijvoegelijk naamwoord).*

It is hard **to understand/to believe**