Active sentence: The subject is the person / place or thing that does the action.
In other words, the subject is the actor (or, the do-er). The object of the sentence receives the action.

Passive sentence: The object of the active sentence becomes the subject of a passive sentence.

Why use the passive?
Sometimes the actor is unimportant or too obvious to mention; other times a passive sentence can deliberately conceal the actor.
The boy catches the ball.
The ball is caught by the boy.

Form: be + past participle

The form of BE must match the tense of the verb in the active sentence.

caught = past = form of BE = simple past = was + past participle = was caught
The boy caught the ball.
The boy is catching the ball.
The boy was catching the ball.
The boy has caught the ball.
The boy had caught the ball.
The boy will catch the ball.
The boy is going to catch the ball.
The boy will have caught the ball.

Did the boy catch the ball?
Will the boy catch the ball?
Has the boy caught the ball?

The ball was caught.
The ball is being caught.
The ball was being caught.
The ball has been caught.
The ball had been caught.
The ball will be caught.
The ball is going to be caught.
The ball will have been caught.

Was the ball caught by the boy?
Will the ball be caught by the boy?
Has the ball been caught?
2. Customers are served by...
3. The lesson is going to be explained...
4. The farmer's wagon was being pulled...
5. Yoko will be invited to the party by Toshi.
6. The report is being prepared by...
7. The book had been returned to the library by Kathy.
8. Several public buildings have been designed by Miriam.
9. I won't be fooled by his tricks.
10. That note wasn't written by me. Was it written by Jim?
11. Is that course taught by Prof. Shapiro? It isn't taught by him.
12. Those papers haven’t been signed yet by Mrs. Andrews. Have they been signed yet by Mr. Andrews?

14. The teaching assistant is going to correct our assignments.

15. Did T.E. invent the light bulb?

16. Most drivers don’t obey the speed limit.

17. Has the building manager informed you of the rent increase?
Passive with Modals

Parents should teach children to be kind to animals.

Children should be taught to be kind to animals.

Teachers should expect their students to be in class on time.

You can't grow apples in the desert.

You must treat elderly people with kindness.
Passive with Modals

Those parents *should have taught* their children to be kind to animals.

Those children *should have been taught* to be kind to animals.

You couldn't grow apples *in the desert*.

Apples *couldn't have been grown in the desert*.

The teachers *should have expected* their students to be in class *on time*.

Students *should have been expected to be*...

You *should have treated* that woman with kindness.

*That woman should have been treated with kindness.*

ex. 19, 18
parts A & B on practice test
The equation **confuses** the student.  

adj.  

The equation is **confusing**.  

The student **is confused** by the equation.  

adj.  

The student is **confused**.  

Present participles and past participles can be used as **adjectives**.
The past perfect is like the past of the past, you see?

The teacher bores his student.

The teacher is boring. → caused the feeling

The student is bored. → received the feeling
The monster frightens the children.

Verb: to frighten

A frightening monster is on the loose.

Verb: to boil

Boiled egg

Boiling water
Who is still growing?

She is a growing child.

He is a grown man.

Who is already grown?
Which picture shows something that is polluting the environment?
Which picture shows something that is polluted?
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• fill out an application
• have an instructor recommendation
• write a short essay that explains why you need the scholarship

If you have a very good academic record at MCC and you would like me to recommend you for the scholarship, please bring your essay to me, preferably during office hours. We will look at the essay and your academic record together. If I agree to recommend you, I will give you an application and a copy of your academic record, as well as assist you in editing your essay.

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