

The passive voice in the present perfect – Winterising

The weather forecast predicted a sudden onset of winter. This is why Tom Bee's parents worked very hard last Saturday to make their garden winterproof.

When Tom goes outside on Sunday, what does he see that they have done?

They have stacked the garden chairs and have stored them together with the table in their garden shed.

- Mrs. Bee has collected leaves in order to let the lawn breathe. Then she has put the removed leaves in their compost. She has not annoyed their neighbours by using a blower, by the way, but she has raked<sup>2</sup> the leaves traditionally – so Mrs. Bee stays a fit mum!
- Mr. Bee has cut the grass.
- To protect the garden tap from freezing Mr. Bee has shut off the valve<sup>3</sup> inside and has then drained the tap.
- Mr. Bee has disconnected the garden hose, drained it and put it away until spring comes.
- They have planted cover crops<sup>4</sup> for the garden beds.

Put all the activities into the present perfect passive.

EXAMPLE:

The garden chairs have been stacked and have been stored together with the table in their garden shed.

NOW YOU

- In order to let the lawn breathe leaves .....  
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The neighbours ..... by using a blower, by the way, but the leaves .....  
traditionally – so Mrs. Bee stays a fit mum!
- The grass .....
- To protect the garden tap from freezing the valve inside .....  
and the tap .....
- The garden hose ....., .....  
and ..... until spring comes.
- Cover crops ..... for the garden beds.

1 winterising = den Garten winterfest machen  
 2 to rake = rechen  
 3 the valve = das Ventil (des Wasserhahns)  
 4 cover crops = Gründünger

6. Mr. and Mrs. Bee **have cut back** plants.
7. They **have left** seed heads for insects, bees and birds.
8. Mrs. Bee **has made** lean-to structures<sup>5</sup> to keep the heavy snow off fragile branches. They **have covered** the roses with brushwood<sup>6</sup>.
9. Mr. and Mrs. Bee **have put** the oleander, the palm tree and the orange tree in their garage.
10. They **have given** some shrubs<sup>7</sup> a last good soak of water.
11. They **have found** some rackets and some bottles from one of their garden parties.
12. Mr. and Mrs. Bee **have taken** the fish from the pond and **have moved** them into a fish tank in the garage.
13. They **have bathed** and **have** then **bedded** the tortoise in its winter shelter before they can bring it into their cellar.
14. Unfortunately, Tom finds that his parents **have forgotten** the table-tennis table. They **have not taken care of** it. This is why Tom quickly takes a big cover and puts it over the table. So winter and spring can come!

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14. Unfortunately, Tom finds that the table-tennis table ..... It ..... This is why Tom quickly takes a big cover and puts it over the table. So winter and spring can come!

5 lean-to-structures = z.B. Gitter, Äste oder Stäbe zum Stützen von Pflanzen und Baumästen

6 brushwood = Reisig

7 shrubs = Sträucher, Büsche

