[[1]](#footnote-1)

The passive voice in the present perfect – Winterising – Tasks and solutions

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.

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| When Tom goes outside on Sunday, what does he see that they have done? | **Put all the activities into the passive.** |
| They have stacked the garden chairs and have stored them together with the table in their garden shed.   1. 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[[2]](#footnote-2) the leaves traditionally – so she stays a fit mum! 2. Mr. Bee has cut the grass. 3. To protect the garden tap from freezing Mr. Bee has shut off the valve[[3]](#footnote-3) inside and has then drained the tap. 4. Mr. Bee has disconnected the garden hose, drained it and put it away until spring comes. 5. They have planted cover crops[[4]](#footnote-4) for the garden beds. 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[[5]](#footnote-5) to keep the heavy snow off fragile branches. They have covered the roses with brushwood[[6]](#footnote-6). 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[[7]](#footnote-7) 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 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! | **EXAMPLE:**  The garden chairs have been stacked and have been stored together with the table in their garden shed.  **NOW YOU**   1. In order to let the lawn breathe leaves have been collected. The removed leaves have been put in the compost. The neighbours have not been annoyed by using a blower, by the way, but the leaves have been raked traditionally – so Mrs. Bee stays a fit mum! 2. The grass has been cut. 3. To protect the garden tap from freezing the valve inside has been shut off and the tap has been drained. 4. The garden hose has been disconnected, (has been) drained and (has been) put away until spring comes. 5. Cover crops have been planted for the garden beds. 6. Plants have been cut back. 7. Seed heads have been left for insects, bees and birds. 8. Lean-to structures have been made to keep the heavy snow off fragile branches. The roses have been covered with brushwood. 9. The oleander, the palm tree and the orange tree have been put in the garage. 10. Some shrubs have been given a last good soak of water. 11. Some rackets and some bottles from one of their garden parties have been found. 12. The fish have been taken from the pond and they have been moved into a fish tank in the garage. 13. The tortoise has been bathed and has been bedded in its winter shelter before it can be brought into the cellar. 14. Unfortunately, Tom finds that the table-tennis table has been forgotten. It has not been taken care of. This is why Tom quickly takes a big cover and puts it over the table. So winter and spring can come! |

1. winterising = den Garten winterfest machen [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. to rake = rechen [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. the valve = das Ventil (des Wasserhahns) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. cover crops = Gründünger [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. lean-to-structures = z.B. Gitter, Äste oder Stäbe zum Stützen von Pflanzen und Baumästen [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. brushwood = Reisig [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. shrubs = Sträuche, Büsche [↑](#footnote-ref-7)