

## USE OF THE PASSIVE

### 10C the passive: *be* + past participle

**Present:** *am / is / are* + past participle

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+ 20 billion pieces of Lego **are produced** every year.

- CDs **aren't used** very much nowadays.

? **Is** Spanish **spoken** in New Mexico?

**Past:** *was / were* + past participle

+ The hot-air balloon **was invented** by two Frenchmen.

- Stamps **weren't invented** until 1840.

? When **was** the watch **invented**?

- We can often say things in two ways, in the active or in the passive.  
*Alfred Nobel **invented** dynamite. (active)*  
*Dynamite **was invented** by Alfred Nobel. (passive)*
- In the **active** sentence, the focus is more on **Alfred Nobel**.
- In the **passive** sentence the focus is more on **dynamite**.
- We often use the passive when it isn't known or isn't important who does or did the action.  
*My car **was stolen** last week.*  
*Volvo cars **are made** in Sweden.*
- We use **by** to say who did the action.  
*The Lord of the Rings **was written by** Tolkien.*

## ANSWERS TO PHOTOCOPIES

### File 10 Test A

#### GRAMMAR

- 1 1 round 4 down  
2 along 5 past  
3 through 6 in
- 2 1 it off  
2 look after my cat  
3 her back  
4 they get up  
5 them on  
6 pick you up
- 3 1 was decorated by my mother  
2 weren't written by me  
3 is spoken by millions of people  
4 are polluted by rubbish  
5 isn't done by the cook  
6 was won by our school  
7 isn't taught by Miss Stuart  
8 was invented by Alexander Graham Bell

#### VOCABULARY

- 4 1 directed 5 opened  
2 designed 6 produced  
3 based 7 discovered  
4 painted
- 5 1 cycling 4 windsurfing  
2 golf 5 motor racing  
3 basketball 6 skiing
- 6 1 down 5 up  
2 on 6 out  
3 in 7 up  
4 over

#### PRONUNCIATION

- 7 1 energetic  
2 questionnaire, watch  
3 Swedish, relationship

#### READING

- 8 1C, 2A, 3C, 4A, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8A, 9C

### File 11 Test A

#### GRAMMAR

- 1 1 It might snow tomorrow.  
2 You might meet someone interesting at the party.  
3 I might phone Simone later.  
4 She might not pass the exam.  
5 Sergio's parents might buy him a bike.  
6 We might not go out tonight.
- 2 1 Did ... use to 4 did ... use to  
2 didn't use to 5 didn't use to  
3 used to 6 used to
- 3 1 have 5 am  
2 did 6 did  
3 can 7 have  
4 would 8 do

#### VOCABULARY

- 4 1 sight 4 decision  
2 invitation 5 life  
3 information 6 success
- 5 1 history  
2 physical education  
3 information technology  
4 science  
5 literature  
6 foreign languages  
7 geography  
8 art
- 6 1 identical 4 both  
2 neither 5 so  
3 like 6 similar

#### PRONUNCIATION

- 7 1 into 4 away  
2 off 5 football  
3 athletics

#### READING

- 8 1A, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5A, 6A, 7C, 8B, 9A, 10B
- 9 1 30 children in her class, 1,000 kids in the school  
2 'try harder'  
3 They don't share information or problems  
4 leaders and thinkers from history who were quiet  
5 He is more confident than her

