

1 Complete the article with the correct present or past passive form of the verbs in brackets.

One of the first music players, the phonograph, ¹ _____ (invent) by Thomas Edison in 1877. This ² _____ (follow) by the gramophone a few years later. The gramophone used flat records which ³ _____ (make) of glass at first, and then of plastic.

In 1906, the record player ⁴ _____ (introduce) by RCA Victor. In the 1940s, the composer and inventor Les Paul started to experiment with multitrack recorders. By the 1960s, most popular music ⁵ _____ (record) on these machines. Cassette players became popular in the 1970s. Cassettes ⁶ _____ (use) by many people to record their favourite songs from the radio or from records.

Today, smartphones ⁷ _____ (use) as music players and songs ⁸ _____ (buy) online. The popular song *Happy* by Pharrell Williams ⁹ _____ (download) more than 1.6 million times in 2014.



2 Put the words in the correct order to make present or past passive sentences.

Remember that we usually put adverbs before the past participle in passive sentences.

1 in 2001 / was / iPod / first / The / introduced

2 stolen / My / was / yesterday / laptop

3 radio / by / invented / was / The / Marconi

4 often / classroom / Tablets / our / used / in / are

5 always / This / phone / charged / at night / is

6 produced / Toshiba / are / in Japan / computers

7 are / of / Phones / plastic / usually / made

8 before / Our / never / switched / 9 p.m. / is / on / dishwasher
