

- 7 a Read about eBay. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct active or passive form.



www.allaboutebay.com

Pierre Omidyar ¹ started (start) eBay in his apartment in 1995. At that time his website ² _____ (call) AuctionWeb, but he ³ _____ (change) the name to eBay in 1997. On its first day AuctionWeb ⁴ _____ (not visit) by a single person. But now eBay ⁵ _____ (use) by over 135 million people and they ⁶ _____ (spend) about \$85,000 a minute. In a typical year over 2 million items ⁷ _____ (list) on eBay and about 500,000 people ⁸ _____ (make) their living just by selling things on the website. People sometimes ⁹ _____ (buy) or ¹⁰ _____ (sell) very strange things. One person ¹¹ _____ (pay) \$514 for a piece of chewing gum that ¹² _____ (chew) by Britney Spears. Another person put a Russian submarine on eBay for \$1.05 million, but nobody ¹³ _____ (buy) it. And an Australian even ¹⁴ _____ (try) to sell New Zealand!

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- 8 a Tick the verbs you know. Check new verbs in **VOCABULARY 10.1** p147.

write manufacture publish invent
paint grow direct build make

- b Work in pairs. Think of two nouns you can use with each verb.

- 9 a Fill in the gaps with the correct passive form of the verbs in 8a. Then complete the sentences to make them true for you.

- 1 My favourite book _____ by _____.
- 2 My mobile phone _____ in _____.
- 3 My favourite film _____ by _____.
- 4 My house/flat _____ about _____ ago.
- 5 My favourite shoes _____ in _____.