

 **Task 3.** Nam invites his friend – Lam, who is now living in a different town, to spend a weekend with him. Help Nam to write a letter, using the cues below.

Dear Lam,
we / not meet / since / you / move.
I / miss / a lot.
we / both / have / some days-off / between / two terms / soon.
if / not make / other plans / why / not spend / weekend / together?
feel / like / visit / forest / near / my grandparents' / again?
look / quite different / now / because / very many young trees /
plant / the Tree-Planting Festivals.
do come / if / find / possible / and / I / make / all / preparations /
give / love / your parents.
Your friend,
Nam

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- **Pronunciation:** / b / – / p /
- **Grammar:** The passive voice

Pronunciation

- Listen and repeat.

/ b /		/ p /	
bee	cab	pea	cap
ban	bright	pan	provide
bad	back	Paul	power

- Practise these sentences.
 1. Pat buys Bill a big pad of paper.
 2. A black bee is picking some pollen.
 3. Put the blouses in the paper bags.
 4. Paul borrowed a book about puppies from the library.
 5. The beautiful carpet is my brother's present.
 6. Is this picture painted on the pupils' caps?

Grammar

The passive voice

- Scientists say about 5,000 species of plants and animals **are eliminated** each year.
- The earth **is being threatened** and the future looks bad.

Exercise 1. Choose the right form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The children (reported/were reported) to be homeless.
2. Trees (grow/are grown) well in this soil.
3. Can English (be spoken/speak) at the club?
4. I (don't invite/am not invited) to parties very often.
5. Many new roads (are being built/are building) in this city.

Exercise 2. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

1. When they (come), the meeting (start). They (be) ten minutes late.
2. He (stand) in front of a large audience. He (photograph) by many journalists now.
3. The students (tell) about the changes of their timetable yet?
4. At that time the table (lay) and I (decide) not to come in.
5. Where these young coconut trees (plant)?

Exercise 3. Fill each blank with the correct form of a verb in the box.

arrive	be	clean	meet	take
make	organize	put	prepare	serve

- How was the holiday?
- Oh, it was fantastic. Everything (1) _____ so well. As soon as we (2) _____ at the airport, we (3) _____ and (4) _____ to the hotel. All the rooms (5) _____ well and fresh flowers (6) _____ on the table.
- Oh, how lovely! And what about the food?
- It (7) _____ excellent. They freshly (8) _____ it all in the hotel and they even (9) _____ the bread in the hotel kitchen. The bread rolls (10) _____ hot every morning for breakfast.