

b) Read the text and correct the sentences.

- 1 Thomas Edison invented the telephone.
- 2 Spencer Silver invented the movie camera.
- 3 Art Fry used glue to keep chairs together.
- 4 Bette Nesmith Graham was a bank clerk.
- 5 Bette made a white mixture at work.

3 a) Fill in the gaps with *get, become, sing, light, famous, typing, stay, have*. Use the completed phrases to make sentences based on the text.

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| 1 _____ inventor | 5 _____ |
| 2 _____ bulb | a millionaire |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ an idea |
| frustrated | 7 _____ in a choir |
| 4 _____ errors | 8 _____ in place |

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

b) THINK Which of the two stories impressed you more? Why? In three minutes, write a few sentences. Read them to the class.

Grammar

The passive

4 a) Read the box. Find examples in the text.

| | ACTIVE | PASSIVE |
|----------------|--|--|
| Present simple | People use computers worldwide. | Computers are used worldwide. |
| Past simple | Steven Perry invented the rubber band. | The rubber band was invented by Steven Perry. |

We use the **passive** when we don't know who did the action or it is obvious from the context (*The shops **are closed** today.*) or when the action is more important than the person who did it (*Glue **was used** by the Egyptians around 3,000 BC.*)

Changing from active to passive

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| | Subject | Verb | Object |
| Active | Steven Perry | invented | the rubber band. |
| Passive | The rubber band | was invented | by Steven Perry. |
| | Subject | Verb | Agent |

The **object** of the active verb becomes the subject in the passive sentence. The **active verb** changes into a passive form. The **subject** of the active verb becomes the agent. The **agent** is introduced with *by* or it is omitted.

b) Fill in the gaps with *is, are, was or were*.

- 1 Sir Alexander Fleming _____ known for discovering penicillin.
- 2 The boxes _____ sealed with tape before we sent them.
- 3 Paper clips _____ used to hold papers together without damaging them.
- 4 Correction fluid _____ made in a kitchen.
- 5 Some people _____ blessed with the gift of creativeness.

5 Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- 1 Percy Spencer invented the microwave oven.
- 2 The company employs 200 people.
- 3 Vincent van Gogh painted *The Starry Night*.
- 4 John Atanasoff and Clifford Berry built the first electronic digital computer.
- 5 Columbus discovered America.
- 6 They make paper in Finland.

6 Join the sentences using the linkers in brackets.

- 1 He used to lock the door behind him. He left the house. (**whenever**) *He used to lock the door behind him whenever he left the house.*
- 2 Seatbelts can save lives. Not many people wear them. (**although**)
- 3 It was raining heavily. He left the house. (**even though**)
- 4 He didn't want to go out. He wasn't feeling well. (**besides**)
- 5 She studied hard. She could pass the exam. (**so that**)
- 6 He stood up. He wanted to see what was happening. (**in order to**)

Writing & Speaking

7 ICT Choose one of the objects in Ex. 1a. Do Internet research about how it was invented. Give a presentation to the class.