

## The Passive Voice. Use of English. Reading

### 1.Revision: the passive voice.

We use the passive when the subject of the sentence is not the doer of the action.

**Passive = be + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Present simple passive = am/is/are + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Present simple passive = was/were + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Present perfect passive = have been + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Future passive = will be + V<sub>3</sub>**

### 2 Choose the correct answers.

#### The umbrella

Evidence of ancient umbrellas <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ in Egypt, Greece and China and from this, we know that the umbrella <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_ over four thousand years ago. However, the first umbrella <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_ in the rain, but in the sun.

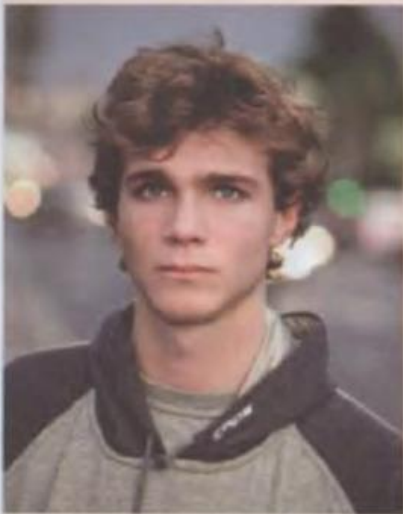
The Chinese were the first people to make umbrellas waterproof and it is this kind of umbrella that <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_ by millions of people around the world today.

The design for the umbrella <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_ much in thousands of years. So <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_ replaced by something more modern in the future? A Chinese inventor called Chuan Wang hopes it will. He has invented a new type of umbrella. With this one, air <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_ instead of nylon to keep the rain off your head. However, at the moment, the battery only lasts for a short time so your traditional umbrella <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_ just yet!

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 a has found            | b has been found        | c has being found      | d has been find        |
| 2 a is invented          | b has invented          | c was invented         | d be invented          |
| 3 a isn't used           | b hasn't used           | c don't be used        | d wasn't used          |
| 4 a is regularly used    | b is used regular       | c regularly is used    | d is regular used      |
| 5 a not been changed     | b hasn't be changed     | c hasn't been changed  | d hasn't been change   |
| 6 a will the umbrella be | b has the umbrella been | c will the umbrella    | d will be the umbrella |
| 7 a is use               | b is used               | c has been used        | d uses                 |
| 8 a be throw away        | b been thrown away      | c won't be thrown away | d thrown away          |

### 3. Read the text and choose the correct answers.

#### A day in the life of Vincent



So far, it (1)\_\_\_\_\_ a terrible day. This morning my alarm clock didn't go (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and I missed the bus. I had to walk 5 miles to get to school. When I arrived, the headteacher was waiting for (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and asked why I was late. I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ him about the clock and he said I should buy a new one. In the morning, I had maths. I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ maths. Both of my parents, my sister and my maths teacher tell me I'm no good (6)\_\_\_\_\_ it. It's not nice to have seven people tell you that you're (7)\_\_\_\_\_. After maths, I had art. Painting is fun. I like to draw self-portraits. My teacher calls me Picasso. I explain that I just don't have a mirror. (8)\_\_\_\_\_ lunch, I asked a girl on a date. Her name is Mandy and she has hair down to her ears.

I have never (9)\_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful girl. I thought she liked me, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ when I asked her to go to the cinema, she laughed and said (11)\_\_\_\_\_ rather put her head in the mouth of a crocodile. I said, "Okay, we could go to the zoo", but she didn't want to do that (12)\_\_\_\_\_. I guess that Mandy doesn't stare and point at me because she thinks I look like Bruce Willis. Oh, well. I hope this afternoon (13)\_\_\_\_\_ be better. We have an English exam. English is easy - I've been speaking it (14)\_\_\_\_\_ I was born. What can go wrong? As the great philosopher Monty says, "Always look on the bright side of (15)\_\_\_\_\_ life."

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| 1  | A) is being  | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) has been | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) was      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | A) off       | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) out      | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) up       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | A) I         | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) me       | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) myself   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | A) said      | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) spoke    | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) told     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | A) am hating | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) hates    | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) hate     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | A) at        | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) on       | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) in       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | A) hopeful   | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) hopeless | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) hopement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | A) For       | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) While    | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) During   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | A) seen      | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) saw      | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) not see  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | A) as        | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) so       | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) but      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | A) she's     | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) she      | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) she'd    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 | A) also      | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) either   | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) neither  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | A) will      | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) would    | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) is to    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 | A) from      | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) for      | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) since    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | A) -         | <input type="checkbox"/> | B) a        | <input type="checkbox"/> | C) the      | <input type="checkbox"/> |