

Test Unit 8.2. The Passive

Task 1. Choose the correct answer to make passive sentences.

1. Your pizza will be ready in a minute. It is baked / is being baked now.
2. Will be done anything / Will anything be done about vending machines at school?
They keep breaking down, so the sooner the better.
3. I was given / give this t-shirt for my birthday.
4. When had been / were the photos taken? Last week or last year?
5. My tweet about saving money has been shared / has shared by 200 people so far.
6. At 5 p.m. trucks with electronic goods were still being unloaded / were still unloading.

Task 2. Complete the text with verbs in the correct passive form.

eBay, world's largest online market, _____ (launch) by Pierre Omidyar from California in 1995.

It started as a small project, but now, eBay _____ (visit) every day by over 250 million users who can choose from more than a billion products that _____ (list) there. The first item sold on eBay was a broken laser pointer that Omidyar was going to throw away. Instead, it _____ (buy) by a collector for \$14.834. Since then, one of the highest transactions that _____ (make) on eBay has been a 405-feet-long yacht. It _____ (buy) in 2017 for by the billionaire investor, Warren Buffet for a staggering sum of \$2,679 million! eBay is growing bigger and bigger and more categories of products _____ (add) each month. Now all transactions can be made on mobile devices, too. The future of eBay looks promising, but some market specialists worry that the website _____ (use) mainly by big companies rather than individual collectors.

Task 3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1 My father suggested this innovative solution last year.

2 They were organising a book sale for the charity in the morning.

3 Somebody has taken my favourite pen.

4 They are rebuilding the hospital after the earthquake.

5 Mrs Jones wrote this excellent article on human rights.

6 The police were questioning the men about the bank robbery.