

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Present simple passive



4 ✖✖ Write questions in the present simple passive. Then write the correct answers using the places in brackets.

1 coffee beans / grow / Iceland? (South America)

Are coffee beans grown in Iceland? _____

No, they aren't. Coffee beans are grown in South _____
America.

2 most chocolate / produce / in Switzerland?
(Germany)

3 cars / manufacture / in Malta? (China)

4 insects / eat / in the UK? (Thailand)

5 bananas / grow / in Denmark? (Ecuador)



1 ✖ Complete the table with the past participle form of the verbs. Decide if the verb is regular or irregular.

Verb	Past participle	Regular	Irregular
add	added	✓	
break			
catch			
collect			
connect			
design			
develop			
eat			
manufacture			
throw			



2 ✖✖ Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1 How many mobile phones are made every year in Asia? (make)

2 Something new and exciting _____ every day. (invent)

3 The potatoes _____ in very hot oil to make crisps. (place)

4 These new inventions _____ enough, in my opinion. (not test)

5 _____ these materials _____ online or should we go to a shop? (sell)



3 ✖✖ Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of verbs from Exercise 1.

1 Food waste is collected for recycling – what a great idea!

2 Sugar _____ to chocolate to make it sweet.

3 How many plastic bottles _____ in the rubbish bin every day?

4 New ideas _____ here by brilliant young inventors.

5 _____ your computer _____ to the Internet by a cable or wi-fi?

6 This system _____ to help blind people use a computer.



5 ✖✖✖ Complete the text with the present simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

It's difficult to believe, but glass

¹ is made (make) of liquid sand. That's right, the same sand that ² _____ (find) on the beach or in the desert.

When sand ³ _____ (heat) to about 1700 °C, it changes into a liquid. Other minerals ⁴ _____ (add) and when

it cools to a much lower temperature, it changes into glass. To make glass

containers, like jars or bottles, liquid glass

⁵ _____ (pour) into containers in a particular

shape, called moulds. Of course, glass ⁶ _____

also _____ (use) for windows and we ⁷ _____

(protect) by glass, for example in cars, but glass

breaks easily, too. Glass ⁸ _____ easily _____

(recycle), so manufacturers can often use the same

glass again and again in their products.

