

Lesson A Grammar Information focus

A Complete the sentences with a correct passive form of the verbs given.

- With global warming, it is thought (think) that harvests in some parts of the world _____ (will affect) by drought. As a result, crops that can survive in drier weather conditions _____ (must develop). Recently, crops that need less water _____ (have grown). In addition, these crops _____ (can grow) in poor soil with few nutrients.
- In the future, it _____ (hope) that more food _____ (will sell) in the same areas where it _____ (produce). This would mean that crops _____ (will not transport) over long distances from farmer to consumer. It also means that less food _____ (would import).



B Rewrite each sentence in the paragraph in the passive without they.

Organic food is food that **they** grow without pesticides. **They** have practiced organic farming methods for thousands of years. It became less popular in the twentieth century as **they** invented more productive methods. **They** didn't consider organic farming effective, and **they** used more pesticides and other chemicals to increase crop yields and grow more food. More recently, however, **they** have reconsidered the value of organic farming, and **they** expect the market for organic food to grow in the future.

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C Rewrite the predictions in the passive. Start with the words given. Add by if necessary.

- In countries that have food shortages, farmers are going to use improved farming methods.
Improved farming methods _____.
- Engineers are going to build better greenhouses so we can have longer growing seasons.
Supermarkets will sell less imported fruit in the future.
Better greenhouses _____. Less imported fruit _____.
- Supermarkets are going to encourage consumers to buy more food that is produced locally.
They're no longer going to fly food halfway around the world.
Consumers _____. Food _____.