

Reading and listening activity

Past participles used in the text

All of these form the present simple passive with is or are.

Created prepared recorded made spoken learned opened formed discovered offered used shared
told connected inspired built encouraged celebrated valued admired started

A world of wonders

Present simple passive — reading & listening activity · Level A2–B1

Every single day, thousands of beautiful things are created around the world. Delicious food is prepared in busy, warm kitchens. Catchy songs are recorded in bright studios, and amazing films are made by talented young people just like you.

Languages are spoken by billions of people every day, but only a few choose to learn a new one. When a new language is learned, a new world is opened. New friendships are formed, new ideas are discovered, and new opportunities are offered to those who are brave enough to try.

English is used as a communication tool in more than 50 countries. Business deals are made, travel plans are shared, and incredible stories are told in this language every single minute. When you speak English, you are connected to an enormous, exciting global community.

In many schools around the world, students are inspired by amazing teachers who believe in their talent. Confidence is built step by step. Dreams are encouraged, and abilities are celebrated every day. You are one of those students. Your voice is valued. Your progress is admired.

Remember: every expert was once a beginner. Every incredible journey is started with a single, courageous step.

Task 1 · Multiple choice

Choose the best answer for each question about the reading text.

1. According to the text, how many countries use English as a communication tool?

More than 100 More than 50 Exactly 50 Only 5

2. What happens when a new language is learned, according to the text?

A new world is opened A new job is found A new school is visited A new book is written

3. How is confidence described in the text?

It is given at birth It is built step by step It is found in books It is taught by friends

4. What does the text say about every incredible journey?

It is shared with others It is started with a courageous step It is remembered forever

It is taught in school

5. What happens when a new language is learned?

- a) Nothing changes
- b) It is forgotten
- c) A new world is opened

6. English is used to:

- a) play games
- b) communicate globally
- c) write only stories

Task 2 • Fill in the gaps

Complete each sentence using the **present simple passive**. Use the verbs in brackets.

1. English _____ (speak) in more than 50 countries.
2. New friendships _____ (form) when people learn a new language.
3. Incredible stories _____ (tell) every single minute.
4. Your voice _____ (value) by everyone around you.

Listening comprehension — true or false?

Listen to the script and choose T (true) or F (false) for each statement.

1. According to the script, a beautiful song is being written somewhere right now.

True False

2. The script says only a few people in the world learn new languages.

True False

3. The script says that when you connect with someone from another country, that is magic.

True False

4. The script says the world becomes more beautiful because you decided to start.

True False