

The Passive Environment.

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple Passive.

The Oceans

Over 80% of goods _____ (transport) by ships. Oil _____ (carry) by huge tankers. Sometimes these tankers sink. Then beaches _____ (pollute) and a lot of animals _____ (kill) by the oil.

Over 100 million tons of fish _____ (take) from the ocean every year. Most of these fish _____ (catch) by large fishing boats with long nets. Every year, 150,000 tons of fishing nets _____ (throw away) by fishing boats. Millions of fish, birds, seals, whales and dolphins _____ (trap) by these nets and they die, because they can't escape.

Dangerous chemicals _____ (dump) in the oceans. A lot of factories and power stations _____ (build) on the coast, because the water _____ (use) to cool the machines and generators. A lot of waste _____ (produce) and it _____ (pump) into the sea in many places.

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense (active or passive)

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. 'I 1) (be) Charles Trump and I 2) (report) from BBC news headquarters. Earlier this evening, at 6:24 pm, an earthquake 3) (hit) Cairo, Egypt. Many people 4) (injure) and much of the city 5) (destroy). Emergency teams 6) (already/set up) all over the city. Firefighters and local people 7) (dig) in the wreckage to rescue as many people as possible who 8) (still/trap). A BBC special news team 9) (leave) for Cairo immediately after we 10) (receive) news of the earthquake. As soon as we 11) (hear) from them, we will release another news bulletin. Anyone who 12) (wish) to enquire about family or friends should ring the following emergency numbers - 010 367 - 38291/2/3/4 for information. Stay tuned for further details."