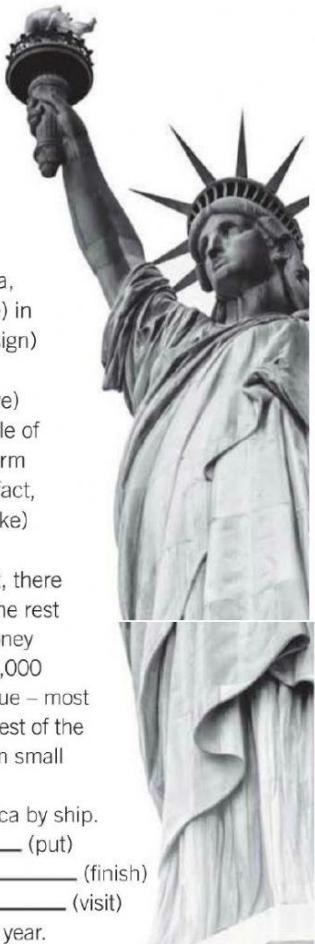


## Empower B1 U8A

### GRAMMAR The passive: present and past simple

**a** Complete the sentences about the Statue of Liberty. Use the present or past simple passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

The Statue of Liberty  
1 is known (know) around the world as a symbol of America, but it <sup>2</sup> not make (not make) in America. It <sup>3</sup> design (design) in France by Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. It <sup>4</sup> give (give) to the United States by the people of France. The statue's head and arm <sup>5</sup> finish (finish) first. In fact, these parts <sup>6</sup> make (make) before the rest of the statue <sup>7</sup> design (design). At first, there wasn't enough money to finish the rest of the statue. Finally, enough money <sup>8</sup> find (find). Over 120,000 people helped to pay for the statue – most of them gave less than \$1. The rest of the statue <sup>9</sup> create (create) in small pieces in France and the pieces <sup>10</sup> take (take) to America by ship. Finally, the statue <sup>11</sup> put (put) together in New York. It <sup>12</sup> finish (finish) in 1886. These days, it <sup>13</sup> visit (visit) by over 3.2 million tourists every year.



**b** Rewrite the sentences. Use the passive. Say who does/did the action only if this information is important.

1 They make Porsche cars in Germany.  
Porsche cars are made in Germany.

2 They built the Eiffel Tower in 1889.

3 George Orwell wrote the novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in 1949.

4 They held the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

5 Steven Spielberg directed the film *Schindler's List* in 1993.

6 They grow the best coffee in Colombia.

7 They sold two million new cars in the UK last year.

8 This factory produces 5,000 bicycles every year.