

b) Read the text and correct the sentences.

- 1 Thomas Edison invented the telephone.
- 2 Spencer Silver invented the movie camera.
- 3 Art Fry used glue to keep chairs together.
- 4 Bette Nesmith Graham was a bank clerk.
- 5 Bette made a white mixture at work.

3 a) Fill in the gaps with *get, become, sing, light, famous, typing, stay, have*. Use the completed phrases to make sentences based on the text.

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| 1 _____ inventor | 5 _____ |
| 2 _____ bulb | a millionaire |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ an idea |
| frustrated | 7 _____ in a choir |
| 4 _____ errors | 8 _____ in place |

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

b) THINK Which of the two stories impressed you more? Why? In three minutes, write a few sentences. Read them to the class.

Grammar

The passive

4 a) Read the box. Find examples in the text.

	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Present simple	People use computers worldwide.	Computers are used worldwide.
Past simple	Steven Perry invented the rubber band.	The rubber band was invented by Steven Perry.

We use the **passive** when we don't know who did the action or it is obvious from the context (*The shops **are closed** today.*) or when the action is more important than the person who did it (*Glue **was used** by the Egyptians around 3,000 BC.*).

Changing from active to passive

	Subject	Verb	Object
Active	Steven Perry	Invented	the rubber band.
Passive	The rubber band	was invented	by Steven Perry.
	Subject	Verb	Agent

The **object** of the active verb becomes the subject in the passive sentence. The **active verb** changes into a passive form. The **subject** of the active verb becomes the agent. The **agent** is introduced with *by* or it is omitted.

b) Fill in the gaps with *is, are, was or were*.

- 1 Sir Alexander Fleming _____ known for discovering penicillin.
- 2 The boxes _____ sealed with tape before we sent them.
- 3 Paper clips _____ used to hold papers together without damaging them.
- 4 Correction fluid _____ made in a kitchen.
- 5 Some people _____ blessed with the gift of creativeness.

5 Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- 1 Percy Spencer invented the microwave oven.
- 2 The company employs 200 people.
- 3 Vincent van Gogh painted *The Starry Night*.
- 4 John Atanasoff and Clifford Berry built the first electronic digital computer.
- 5 Columbus discovered America.
- 6 They make paper in Finland.

6 Join the sentences using the linkers in brackets.

- 1 He used to lock the door behind him. He left the house. (**whenever**) *He used to lock the door behind him whenever he left the house.*
- 2 Seatbelts can save lives. Not many people wear them. (**although**)
- 3 It was raining heavily. He left the house. (**even though**)
- 4 He didn't want to go out. He wasn't feeling well. (**besides**)
- 5 She studied hard. She could pass the exam. (**so that**)
- 6 He stood up. He wanted to see what was happening. (**in order to**)

Writing & Speaking

7 ICT Choose one of the objects in Ex. 1a. Do Internet research about how it was invented. Give a presentation to the class.