

- 3 A Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verbs in brackets.

STRANGE BUT TRUE!

- 1 All gondolas in Venice, Italy must _____ (paint) black unless they belong to a high official.

- 2 The modern Frisbee _____ (invent) by the Frisbie Pie Company in 1946 when their pie tins _____ (throw) around by employees during breaks.

- 3 Over the centuries, Korea _____ (invade) more times than any other country in the world.
- 4 The white surface of the Taj Mahal _____ (gradually / damage) by pollution and is turning yellow.
- 5 British guidebooks in the nineteenth century advised women to put pins in their mouths to avoid _____ (kiss) in the dark when trains went through tunnels.
- 6 You are more likely _____ (kill) by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider, but most people are more afraid of spiders.

- 7 Kangaroos can _____ (find) in the wild in only two countries: Australia and New Zealand.

- 8 When Christopher Columbus 'discovered' America in 1492, the continent _____ (already / explore) by the Vikings from Norway over three centuries earlier.

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Currently hundreds of trainee medical students

¹ _____ (teach) through the online virtual world *Second Life*. Once a day students ² _____ (send) to locations in the online world to treat computer-generated patients. When they are there, virtual equipment can ³ _____ (use) to check the patients at the scene and then the trainees can ⁴ _____ (decide) on the best course of action. The training tool has been a great success so far and from next year it ⁵ _____ (use) at a number of medical schools around the world.

Pollution is an ever-growing problem in our cities, but in the near future a new system ⁶ _____ (allow) traffic managers to identify pollution hotspots. It ⁷ _____ (be) possible to alter the movement of cars through the city by changing the traffic light sequencing to direct cars away from problem areas. A computer ⁸ _____ (also / send) commuters warning text alerts on their mobile phones so they can decide how to avoid the hotspot. The new pollution monitoring system ⁹ _____ (test) successfully for the first time at a trial last month and could ¹⁰ _____ (introduce) as soon as next year.