

PASSIVE VOICE

1 Complete the sentences with the correct present simple or past simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Last night two statues _____ (steal) from a museum in the city centre.
- 2 In the UK, more money _____ (spend) on the internet every year.
- 3 Iron _____ (use) to make many things during the Iron Age.
- 4 Gold _____ (find) in Wales in 74 AD.
- 5 Every day, English exams _____ (take) by thousands of people around the world.

2 Complete the text with the correct present perfect or future passive form of the verbs in brackets.

In 1900 there were 1.6 billion people in the world, but today that number is over 6 billion.

In the last century, a lot of the world's forests

¹ _____ (destroy) to provide wood for making furniture and paper. In addition, many of the world's seas and rivers ² _____ (pollute).

Another problem today is how to provide food for the growing number of people in the world. New ways of growing food

³ _____ (need) very soon. Some new foods ⁴ _____ (discover) by scientists in the last few years, and in the future we will eat more of these.

Living space will be another big problem in the future. Perhaps one day new cities ⁵ _____ (not build) on land any more – we will build them on or under the sea!

3 Choose the correct answers.

The umbrella

Evidence of ancient umbrellas ¹ in Egypt, Greece and China and from this, we know that the umbrella ² over four thousand years ago. However, the first umbrella ³ in the rain, but in the sun.

The Chinese were the first people to make umbrellas waterproof and it is this kind of umbrella that ⁴ by millions of people around the world today.

The design for the umbrella ⁵ much in thousands of years. So ⁶ replaced by something more modern in the future? A Chinese inventor called Chuan Wang hopes it will. He has invented a new type of umbrella. With this one, air ⁷ instead of nylon to keep the rain off your head. However, at the moment, the battery only lasts for a short time so your traditional umbrella ⁸ just yet!

1 a has found b has been found c has being found d has been find

2 a is invented b has invented c was invented d be invented

3 a isn't used b hasn't used c don't be used d wasn't used

4 a is regularly used b is used regular c regularly is used d is regular used

5 a not been changed b hasn't be changed c hasn't been changed d hasn't been change

6 a will the umbrella be b has the umbrella been c will the umbrella d will be the umbrella

7 a is use b is used c has been used d uses

8 a be throw away b been thrown away c won't be thrown away d thrown away