

# THE PASSIVE

## 1. Complete the sentences with these past participles.

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- 1 Most of the world's tigers are \_\_\_\_\_ in India.
- 2 The first jeans were \_\_\_\_\_ by Levi Strauss in 1873.
- 3 Olives are \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain and Greece.
- 4 The first football match was \_\_\_\_\_ in Cambridge in 1846.
- 5 Millions of pounds are \_\_\_\_\_ on fast food every year.
- 6 Dogs are often \_\_\_\_\_ to help the police.

## 2. Complete the text. Use the **present simple passive** (am / is / are + past participle) or the **past simple passive** ( was / were + past participle).

The first high-speed trains \_\_\_\_\_ (design) in Japan in the 1950s. The first train line \_\_\_\_\_ (open) in 1964 and passengers \_\_\_\_\_ (take) from Tokyo to Osaka at 200 kph. Now there are trains that can travel at over 300 kph. The Japanese name for these trains is Shinkansen, but in English they \_\_\_\_\_ (often / call) 'bullet trains' because of their speed and shape.

High-speed trains \_\_\_\_\_ (not introduce) in Europe until the 1980s but now many countries have them. China has the biggest high-speed train network and, in 2013, the world's longest high-speed train line \_\_\_\_\_ (complete), going from Beijing in the north to Shenzhen in the south. Today, these fast trains \_\_\_\_\_ (use) by more and more people and they are much better for the environment than planes.

