THE PASSIVE

1. Complete the sentences with these past participles.

grown	made	used	played	spent	found

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 in 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.

