

9 High-Tech World

Grammar

A Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of these words.

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- 1 Test tubes _____ in chemistry laboratories to do experiments.
- 2 Many books _____ from the library over the next year.
- 3 My computer _____ at the moment by the technician.
- 4 Our students _____ on biology in the exam next week.
- 5 The email _____ when the computer crashed.
- 6 The new product _____ by a group of scientists last month.

B Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The results of the experiment _____ (present) tomorrow.
- 2 Yesterday, we _____ (tell) not to bring our mobile phones to school.
- 3 The new computer software _____ (install) at the moment.
- 4 The engineer was angry because he _____ (not inform) of the changes to his design.
- 5 Many chemicals _____ (use) by scientists every day.
- 6 The school laboratory _____ (not clean) since Monday.
- 7 The mobile phone _____ (buy) in France last summer.
- 8 My computer _____ (repair) before I needed it for work.

C Rewrite the sentences in the passive form.

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| 1 Don't touch the computers! | 5 I remember that you told me the answer. |
| 2 We have to replace the modem. | 6 She doesn't like it when people disagree with her. |
| 3 Can they fix the problem? | 7 You ought to tell him the truth. |
| 4 You don't need to install it now. | 8 I expect you to inform me. |

D Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.

Computer hackers

Huge problems are caused (1) _____ hackers and it has (2) _____ shown that any computer system, even major government systems, can (3) _____ entered illegally. How (4) _____ the average person affected? Personal systems (5) _____ entered so that hackers can find things such as credit card numbers and bank account details. Once they have that information, it (6) _____ be used to empty the money from your account or buy whatever they want with your credit card. The best way to protect yourself from (7) _____ hacked is by not keeping sensitive information on your computer. Millions of systems around the world (8) _____ been hacked. Make sure yours isn't one of them!

