

The passive

1 Choose the correct answers.

- Katherine Johnson _____ by NASA, and she helped to send astronauts to the moon and back in 1968.
 a is employed b has been employed
 c was employed
- Lab-grown meat _____ in Singapore.
 a is being serving b is being served
 c is been served
- Fair-trade products _____ in over 70 countries around the world.
 a selling b are sold
 c sold
- The Oxford MINI™ plant _____ cars since 1913.
 a is being made b was making
 c has been making
- Formal sign language _____ by a Spanish monk, Pedro Ponce de León, in the 16th century.
 a was being invented b was invented
 c is invented
- The word *champo* _____ in India in the 18th century and is where the word 'shampoo' comes from.
 a was already being used b used already
 c has already been used

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences in a dialogue.

- A this / made / the / in / UK / cheese / is / ?
Excuse me?
- B was / that / from / cheese / Latvia / imported / .
No,
- A stated / why / the packet / isn't / on / that / ?

Look! 'UK' is written on the label!
- B the / made / the / are / rules / Food Standards Agency / by / .

It's because the packaging was made in the UK.
- A being / are / this / tricked / shoppers / by / .
Well, I think

3 Complete the sentences. Use the active or passive form of the verbs below.

- already deliver ■ encourage ■ provide ■ sting ■ stop ■ use

- You never by a male bee.
- More than 16 million animals for transport and communication in the First World War.
- This is your driver speaking. We in half an hour for a lunch break.
- The drivers the toys. The problem wasn't noticed before they went out.
- Australians to eat more kangaroo meat as the animal's population is becoming too big – around 50 million.
- Calculators for students in the maths test tomorrow.

4 Rewrite the active sentences using the passive. Only use an agent if it is important.

- Polish farms grow most of Europe's apples nowadays.
- People are not promoting fair trade enough around the world.
- They've made over 20 James Bond films since 1962.
- A 19-year-old woman called Mary Shelley wrote *Frankenstein*.
- We will only give refunds with a receipt.
- They were still using small children to clean chimneys in the 1860s.

5 Complete the text with the correct passive or active form of the verbs in brackets.

CHILD LABOUR

Consumers in the West are keen to buy fair-trade products, and are horrified to hear of child workers ¹ (use) in developing countries. However, let's remember that before 1940, many children aged between five and fourteen ² (work) in Europe and the US. Child labour ³ (use) widely in Britain during the Industrial Revolution, when children as young as four ⁴ (employ) in factories. Most workers ⁵ (pay) according to how much they produced, and a child's working day often ⁶ (last) 16 hours.

In 1833, children under the age of nine ⁷ (not permit) to work any longer, and in 1870, the Education Act ⁸ (bring) huge changes. By the late 19th century, children's lives ⁹ (transform) completely – children were studying instead of working, and ¹⁰ (see) as children instead of 'little adults'.

Today, the highest rates of child labour ¹¹ (find) in some African nations, with 25% of children aged five to fourteen working. The International Labour Organization stated that the worst forms of child labour ¹² (drop) by nearly 40% from 2000 to 2016, but there was still a long way to go.

6 TASK Imagine you are starting a new ethical business. What will your business be and what steps will you take to make it ethical? Remember to use passive forms.

I've decided to start a new business. All the honey will be made locally and will come from local farmers ...