

## The Passive Voice. Use of English. Reading

### 1. Revision: the passive voice.

We use the passive when the subject of the sentence is not the doer of the action.

**Passive = be + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Present simple passive = am/is/are + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Present simple passive = was/were + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Present perfect passive = have been + V<sub>3</sub>**

**Future passive = will be + V<sub>3</sub>**

### 2 Choose the correct answers.

#### The umbrella

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

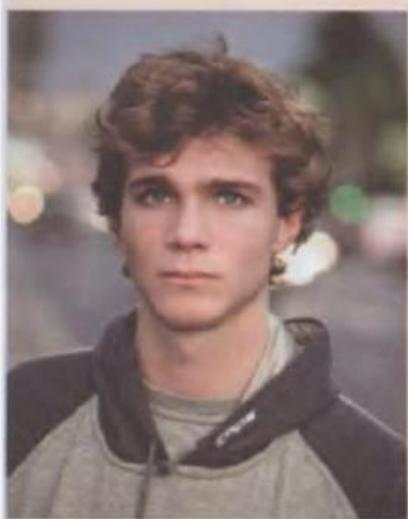
The Chinese were the first people to make umbrellas waterproof and it is this kind of umbrella that <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_ by millions of people around the world today.

The design for the umbrella <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_ much in thousands of years. So <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_ 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

### 3. Read the text and choose the correct answers.

#### A day in the life of Vincent



So far, it (1)\_\_\_\_\_ a terrible day. This morning my alarm clock didn't go (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and I missed the bus. I had to walk 5 miles to get to school. When I arrived, the headteacher was waiting for (3)\_\_\_\_\_ and asked why I was late. I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ him about the clock and he said I should buy a new one. In the morning, I had maths. I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ maths. Both of my parents, my sister and my maths teacher tell me I'm no good (6)\_\_\_\_\_ it. It's not nice to have seven people tell you that you're (7)\_\_\_\_\_. After maths, I had art. Painting is fun. I like to draw self-portraits. My teacher calls me Picasso. I explain that I just don't have a mirror. (8)\_\_\_\_\_ lunch, I asked a girl on a date. Her name is Mandy and she has hair down to her ears.

I have never (9)\_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful girl. I thought she liked me, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ when I asked her to go to the cinema, she laughed and said (11)\_\_\_\_\_ rather put her head in the mouth of a crocodile. I said, "Okay, we could go to the zoo", but she didn't want to do that (12)\_\_\_\_\_. I guess that Mandy doesn't stare and point at me because she thinks I look like Bruce Willis. Oh, well. I hope this afternoon (13)\_\_\_\_\_ be better. We have an English exam. English is easy - I've been speaking it (14)\_\_\_\_\_ I was born. What can go wrong? As the great philosopher Monty says, "Always look on the bright side of (15)\_\_\_\_\_ life."

1	A) is being	<input type="radio"/>	B) has been	<input type="radio"/>	C) was	<input type="radio"/>
2	A) off	<input type="radio"/>	B) out	<input type="radio"/>	C) up	<input type="radio"/>
3	A) I	<input type="radio"/>	B) me	<input type="radio"/>	C) myself	<input type="radio"/>
4	A) said	<input type="radio"/>	B) spoke	<input type="radio"/>	C) told	<input type="radio"/>
5	A) am hating	<input type="radio"/>	B) hates	<input type="radio"/>	C) hate	<input type="radio"/>
6	A) at	<input type="radio"/>	B) on	<input type="radio"/>	C) in	<input type="radio"/>
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8	A) For	<input type="radio"/>	B) While	<input type="radio"/>	C) During	<input type="radio"/>
9	A) seen	<input type="radio"/>	B) saw	<input type="radio"/>	C) not see	<input type="radio"/>
10	A) as	<input type="radio"/>	B) so	<input type="radio"/>	C) but	<input type="radio"/>
11	A) she's	<input type="radio"/>	B) she	<input type="radio"/>	C) she'd	<input type="radio"/>
12	A) also	<input type="radio"/>	B) either	<input type="radio"/>	C) neither	<input type="radio"/>
13	A) will	<input type="radio"/>	B) would	<input type="radio"/>	C) is to	<input type="radio"/>
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