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 + V3

Present simple passive = am/is/are + V3

Present simple passive = was/were + V3

Present perfect passive = have been + V3

Future passive = will be + V3

2 Choose the correct answers.

The umbrella

Evidence of ancient umbrellas [1]___ in Egypt, Greece and China and from this, we know that the umbrella [2]___ over four thousand years ago. However, the first umbrella [3]___ 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 [4]___ by millions of people around the world today.

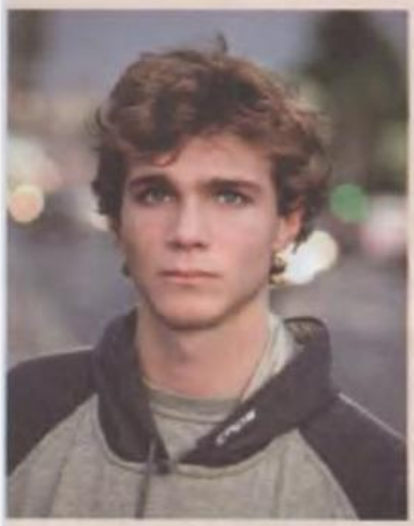
The design for the umbrella [5]___ much in thousands of years. So [6]___ replaced by something more modern in the future? A Chinese inventor called Chuan Wang hopes it will. He has invented a new type of umbrella. With this one, air [7]___ instead of nylon to keep the rain off your head. However, at the moment, the battery only lasts for a short time so your traditional umbrella [8]___ 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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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		B) has been		C) was	
2	A) off		B) out		C) up	
3	A) I		B) me		C) myself	
4	A) said		B) spoke		C) told	
5	A) am hating		B) hates		C) hate	
6	A) at		B) on		C) in	
7	A) hopeful		B) hopeless		C) hopement	
8	A) For		B) While		C) During	
9	A) seen		B) saw		C) not see	
10	A) as		B) so		C) but	
11	A) she's		B) she		C) she'd	
12	A) also		B) either		C) neither	
13	A) will		B) would		C) is to	
14	A) from		B) for		C) since	
15	A) -		B) a		C) the	

LIVEWORKSHEETS