

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.

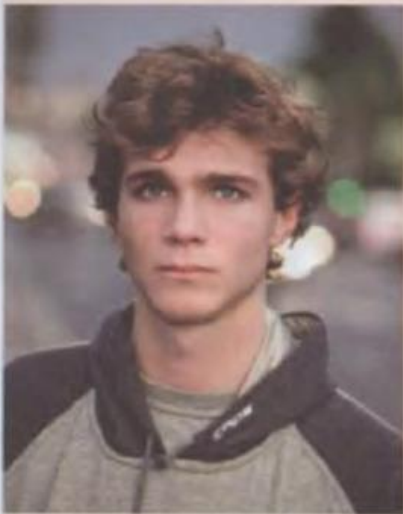
The Chinese were the first people to make umbrellas waterproof and it is this kind of umbrella that ⁴ ___ by millions of people around the world today.

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!

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| 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."

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