MODULE 3: THE PASSIVE VOICE

1 **Rewrite the sentences in the Present Simple Passive. Omit the agent complement (by ...) when it isn't necessary.**

1. Do people in Belgium speak French?

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2. They call the New York underground train the subway.

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3. They buy all their clothes online.

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4. My parents don't usually take me to school.

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5. They don't teach geometry in first grade.

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6. You use butter for this recipe.

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2 **Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Past Simple Passive.**

take ▪ *cancel* ▪ *not invite* ▪ *not ship* ▪ *scratch* ▪ *teach*

1. The parcel ..... from England on time last week, so it will arrive late.
2. My phone ..... by the keys in my bag.
3. ..... your English class ..... by Ms Jones last year?
4. Our flight ..... by the airline last night.
5. The boys ..... to the party last weekend.
6. Who ..... these pictures ..... by?

3 **Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple Passive or Past Simple Passive.**

In 2022, a unique pavement [1.] ..... (build) in the town of Telford, England. Electricity [2.] ..... (generate) when you walk on it. The electricity that is produced [3.] ..... (use) to power mobile phone chargers. The chargers [4.] ..... (located) in benches next to the pavement. This is only a small project at the moment, but it [5.] ..... (create) to raise awareness about the environment. The pavement and the bench [6.] ..... (receive) with enthusiasm, especially children, who love to run and jump on the pavement. So if you're in Telford, you [7.] ..... (invite) to try out the pavement, located just outside the railway station.

4 **Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Future Simple Passive.**

not permit ▪ *design* ▪ *finish* ▪ *not hold* ▪ *reduce*

1. When ..... your essay ..... ? Do you need help?
2. The parade ..... tomorrow because of the strong winds expected.
3. There is going to be a sale in the shop next week, so all the prices ..... .
4. Our new school uniform ..... by the students starting next term.
5. Students ..... to wear trainers next term. We all need black shoes.

5 **Write sentences with the words below. Use the Future Simple Passive.**

1. more food / deliver / to our houses /.

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2. more of our lakes and rivers / pollute / .

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3. food / not transport / by plane /.

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4. more organic food / buy /.

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5. all fruit / pick / by machines /?

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6. sugar/ not add / to food /.

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6 Correct the mistake in bold. Use the Present Simple Passive, Past Simple Passive or Future Simple Passive.

1. This company produces bikes that **make** of recycled materials. .....
2. Several urban farms **are built** in our town last year. .....
3. Tomorrow's lecture **gives** in room 104. .....
4. A vegetarian meal **not serve** on yesterday's flight. .....
5. Items you order today **were shipped** within three working days. .....
6. A parade **holds** every year on Independence Day. .....
7. Heavy items **not** usually **ship** by air. .....
8. The scooter we ordered months ago finally **delivered** yesterday. .....

7 Choose the correct answers to complete the text.

Air travel today is fast and convenient – but it comes at a price to the environment. When jet fuel burns, a lot of harmful gases such as carbon dioxide (CO_2) [1.] **are produced / were produced / will be produced**. Currently, it [2.] **was estimated / were estimated / is estimated** that approximately one billion tonnes of CO_2 [3.] **release / is released / will release** into the atmosphere by aeroplanes each year. During a recent forum on climate change, a very important question [4.] **raises / is raised / was raised**: If people stop flying, [5.] **is the damage to our planet reversed / was the damage to our planet reversed / will the damage to our planet be reversed**? This question [6.] **was referred / referred / refers** to a climate expert. And here's her answer: "Unfortunately, aviation [7.] **considered / is considered / will consider** an environmentally harmful form of transport – and there is no easy solution. If we stop flying, perhaps the climate will improve, but the economy of countries that depend on tourism [8.] **will affect / will be affected / was affected**."

Still, there is reason to be optimistic. The aviation industry has already started to develop hydrogen aeroplanes. When a hydrogen plane's fuel burns, water [9.] **is created / was created / will create** instead of CO2. That's amazing! However, it [10.] **will be believed / was believed / is believed** that the first hydrogen planes won't be available for at least ten years. Until then, travel by land and sea are still good ways to get around.

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