

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Present simple passive



4 ★★ Write questions in the present simple passive. Then write the correct answers using the places in brackets.

1 ★ Complete the table with the past participle form of the verbs. Decide if the verb is regular or irregular.

Verb	Past participle	Regular	Irregular
add	added	✓	
break			
catch			
collect			
connect			
design			
develop			
eat			
manufacture			
throw			

2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 How many mobile phones are made every year in Asia? (make)
- 2 Something new and exciting every day. (invent)
- 3 The potatoes in very hot oil to make crisps. (place)
- 4 These new inventions enough, in my opinion. (not test)
- 5 these materials online or should we go to a shop? (sell)

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of verbs from Exercise 1.

- 1 Food waste is collected for recycling – what a great idea!
- 2 Sugar to chocolate to make it sweet.
- 3 How many plastic bottles in the rubbish bin every day?
- 4 New ideas here by brilliant young inventors.
- 5 your computer to the Internet by a cable or wi-fi?
- 6 This system to help blind people use a computer.

3 cars / manufacture / in Malta? (China)

4 insects / eat / in the UK? (Thailand)

5 bananas / grow / in Denmark? (Ecuador)

5 ★★★ Complete the text with the present simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.



It's difficult to believe, but glass ¹ is made (make) of liquid sand. That's right, the same sand that ² (find) on the beach or in the desert. When sand ³ heat (heat) to about 1700 °C, it changes into a liquid. Other minerals ⁴ add (add) and when it cools to a much lower temperature, it changes into glass. To make glass containers, like jars or bottles, liquid glass ⁵ pour (pour) into containers in a particular shape, called moulds. Of course, glass ⁶ also use (use) for windows and we ⁷ protect (protect) by glass, for example in cars, but glass breaks easily, too. Glass ⁸ recycle (recycle), so manufacturers can often use the same glass again and again in their products.

