

PASSIVE VOICE

The origin of Paper

Decide whether you need an active or a passive form of the verb.



Today, paper _____ **(use)** for hundreds of things - not only books and newspapers, but also money, stamps, bags and even clothes.

In ancient times, before the invention of paper, people _____ **(write)** on animal skins, bones and stones. In 2700 BC the Egyptians _____ **(start)** to make papyrus, which was similar to paper.

But the first real form of paper _____ **(invent)** in 105 AD by a Chinese government official. It _____ **(make)** from a mixture of plants and clothes. The Chinese _____ **(keep)** their new discovery a secret for many centuries.

Finally, in the 10th century, paper _____ **(bring)** to Europe by the Arabs. The first European paper mill _____ **(build)** in Spain in 1150. Since the 18th century, most paper _____ **(make)** out of wood, because it is much stronger than cloth. Today, each person _____ **(use)** about 300 kg of paper every year. It has become a material that we cannot do without.