

3 GRAMMAR the passive

a Circle the correct words.

- 1 In 1848, gold *discovered* / *was discovered* in California.
- 2 Today most of the food we eat *is bought* / *bought* in supermarkets.
- 3 Spanish *speaks* / *is spoken* widely in North and South America.
- 4 The Indian film industry *calls* / *is called* Bollywood, and they *make* / *are made* lots of films every year.
- 5 When *were the Pyramids built* / *built the Pyramids* and who *built* / *was built* them?
- 6 My grandfather *gave* / *was given* me this lovely old watch.

b Write sentences and questions in the present or past passive.

- 1 what / your new baby / call?
What's your new baby called?
- 2 contact lenses / invent / a Czech chemist
_____.
- 3 where / olives / grow?
_____?
- 4 the VW Beetle / design / in the 1930s
_____.
- 5 diamonds / find / in many different colours
_____.
- 6 when / vitamins / discover?
_____?

c Complete the conversations with a verb from the list in the correct present or past passive form.

~~be born~~ build grow invent make

- 1 A *Were you born* _____ in Germany?
B Yes, in Berlin, but I moved to England when I was 11.
- 2 A Are these cars 100% British?
B No, the engines _____ in Japan.
- 3 A Does tea come from China?
B Some of it does, but it _____ in India and some other countries, too.
- 4 A Is the Tower of London very old?
B Yes, the oldest part _____ in 1078.
- 5 A Who invented the ballpoint pen?
B It _____ by a Hungarian called László Bíró.