

## 7.2 Developing new technology



### GRAMMAR Passives

1 Read the sentences. Are they active (A) or passive (P)?

- 1 No one understands why the event wasn't a greater success. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Just one month after the release date, over a million orders had been placed. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 We're organizing a technology conference and we'd like to invite you to attend. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 New ideas are being explored by the research and development department. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Experts are saying that this will be a revolutionary new device. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The product was reasonably popular, but people felt it was too expensive. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 The new features are expected to be completed by 2020. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Exciting new developments in 3D images are being made by a company called Magic Leap. \_\_\_\_\_

2 Put the words in the correct order to make passive sentences.

1 being / in research / More / is / money / invested

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2 built / scientists / was / in China / It / by

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3 the product / made / released / were / was / Updates / before

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4 next year / features / be / by / will / Security / added

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5 have / device / with the / Instructions / provided / been

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6 Instead of / being / Electronic devices / textbooks / used / are

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3 Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the text.

#### Developments in GPS

Up until now, the Global Positioning System (GPS) that most of us use on our phones and in our cars <sup>1</sup>has been provided / <sup>2</sup>will be provided by US or Russian satellites in space. Currently, a new GPS system called Galileo <sup>3</sup>was developed / <sup>4</sup>is being developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). Thirty satellites <sup>5</sup>are being placed / <sup>6</sup>are been placed thousands of kilometres above the earth, and control centres <sup>7</sup>have been built / <sup>8</sup>have being built at two locations in Europe. Once it is completed, it is believed that more accurate GPS information <sup>9</sup>was provided / <sup>10</sup>will be provided by Galileo. Unlike the US and Russian GPS systems, Galileo <sup>11</sup>will not be managed / <sup>12</sup>was not managed by the government.

4 Complete the passive sentences using the verb and tense in brackets.

- 1 I went to a café while my laptop \_\_\_\_\_.  
(fix / past continuous)
- 2 They \_\_\_\_\_ feedback on the performance of the app.  
(give / past simple)
- 3 A new scheduling programme \_\_\_\_\_.  
(design / present continuous)
- 4 Applications \_\_\_\_\_ from tomorrow.  
(accept / future simple)
- 5 The product needs \_\_\_\_\_ before the release date.  
(test / infinitive with to)
- 6 A prize \_\_\_\_\_ for the best invention.  
(award / past simple)
- 7 An exciting new travel app \_\_\_\_\_ next year.  
(launch / future simple)
- 8 Her daughter \_\_\_\_\_ computer programming at school.  
(teach / present continuous)