

 **Task 3.** Nam invites his friend – Lam, who is now living in a different town, to spend a weekend with him. Help Nam to write a letter, using the cues below.

Dear Lam,  
we / not meet / since / you / move.  
I / miss / a lot.  
we / both / have / some days-off / between / two terms / soon.  
if / not make / other plans / why / not spend / weekend / together?  
feel / like / visit / forest / near / my grandparents' / again?  
look / quite different / now / because / very many young trees /  
plant / the Tree-Planting Festivals.  
do come / if / find / possible / and / I / make / all / preparations /  
give / love / your parents.  
Your friend,  
Nam

## E. LANGUAGE FOCUS

- **Pronunciation:** / b / – / p /
- **Grammar:** The passive voice

### Pronunciation

- Listen and repeat.

/ b /		/ p /	
bee	cab	pea	cap
ban	bright	pan	provide
bad	back	Paul	power

- Practise these sentences.

1. Pat buys Bill a big pad of paper.
2. A black bee is picking some pollen.
3. Put the blouses in the paper bags.
4. Paul borrowed a book about puppies from the library.
5. The beautiful carpet is my brother's present.
6. Is this picture painted on the pupils' caps?

## Grammar

### The passive voice

- Scientists say about 5,000 species of plants and animals **are eliminated** each year.
- The earth **is being threatened** and the future looks bad.

**Exercise 1.** Choose the right form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The children (reported/were reported) to be homeless.
2. Trees (grow/are grown) well in this soil.
3. Can English (be spoken/speak) at the club?
4. I (don't invite/am not invited) to parties very often.
5. Many new roads (are being built/are building) in this city.

**Exercise 2.** Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

1. When they (come), the meeting (start). They (be) ten minutes late.
2. He (stand) in front of a large audience. He (photograph) by many journalists now.
3. The students (tell) about the changes of their timetable yet?
4. At that time the table (lay) and I (decide) not to come in.
5. Where these young coconut trees (plant)?

**Exercise 3.** Fill each blank with the correct form of a verb in the box.

arrive	be	clean	meet	take
make	organize	put	prepare	serve

- How was the holiday?
- Oh, it was fantastic. Everything (1) \_\_\_\_\_ so well. As soon as we (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport, we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the hotel. All the rooms (5) \_\_\_\_\_ well and fresh flowers (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on the table.
- Oh, how lovely! And what about the food?
- It (7) \_\_\_\_\_ excellent. They freshly (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it all in the hotel and they even (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the bread in the hotel kitchen. The bread rolls (10) \_\_\_\_\_ hot every morning for breakfast.