

THINK B1 GRAMMAR UNIT 9 PASSIVE VOICE

1. Read and complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 They make cars in that factory

Cars _____ in that factory.

2 They don't charge you to use the computers.

You _____ to use the computers.

3 Nobody saw them leave.

They _____ when they left.

4 People lose lots of umbrellas on London buses.

Lots of umbrellas _____ on London buses.

5 An American bought the painting.

The painting _____ an American.

6 They don't cook the meals at the school.

The meals _____ at the school.

7 A famous architect designed the houses.

The houses _____ a famous architect.



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2. Use the active or passive form of the verbs. You are going to use only present and past passive voice.

Did you know that yesterday, more than 80 million letters and parcels were delivered (deliver) in the UK? But how does a letter get from A to B?

Of course, first it _____ (write) and _____ (put) in an envelope. Then stamps _____ (put) on it and it _____ (post) in a post box. A post office worker _____ (collect) it and _____ (take) it to a sorting office. Here, the letters _____ (sort) by their postcodes. This _____ (do) by a machine, but in the past it _____ (not do) by machine – it _____ (do) by hand.

Then the letters _____ (take) by road, rail and air to their destination, where post office workers _____ (give) the letters for their round.

3. Read and choose.

- 1 The dog is _____ chased.
- 2 The paintings have _____ stolen.
- 3 The dog has _____ fed.
- 4 The criminals are _____ arrested.
- 5 The trees are _____ cut down.
- 6 The door has _____ painted.
- 7 The windows have _____ broken.



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4. Put the active sentences in the passive form and the passive sentences in the active form.

1. The police are questioning him.

He _____

2. The dog is being given a bath by Wendy.

Wendy _____

3. A new café has been opened near my house.

They _____

4. They've just made a new *Star Wars* film.

A new star wars film _____

5. A professional chef is cooking the meal.

The meal _____

6. The house is being rented by students.

Students _____

7. They've eaten all the food.

The food _____



5. Read and complete. Use passive voice in present continuous and present perfect

1 We've been raising money for charity and so far we _____
(give) £150!

2 All the best smartphones _____ (make) in Asia.

3 Nowadays, this type of shark _____ (find) only in North America.

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4 I need help – my computer _____ (attack) by a virus.

5 My bike _____ (steal)! How am I going to get home?

6 In England potato chips _____ (call) crisps.

