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b) Read the text and correct the sentences.

1 Thomas Edison invented the telephone.
2 Spencer Silver invented the movie camera.
3 Art Fry used glue to keep chairs together.
4 Bette Nesmith Graham was a bank clerk.
5 Bette made a white mixture at work.

3 a) Fill in the gaps with *get, become, sing, light, famous, typing, stay, have*. Use the completed phrases to make sentences based on the text.

1 _____ inventor
2 _____ bulb
3 _____ frustrated
4 _____ errors
5 _____ a millionaire
6 _____ an idea
7 _____ in a choir
8 _____ in place

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

b) THINK Which of the two stories impressed you more? Why? In three minutes, write a few sentences. Read them to the class.

Grammar

The passive

4 a) Read the box. Find examples in the text.

	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
Present simple	People use computers worldwide.	Computers **are used** worldwide.
Past simple	Steven Perry invented the rubber band.	The rubber band **was invented** by Steven Perry.

We use the **passive** when we don't know who did the action or it is obvious from the context *(The shops **are closed** today.)* or when the action is more important than the person who did it *(Glue **was used** by the Egyptians around 3,000 BC.)*.

Changing from active to passive

	Subject	Verb	Object
Active	*Steven Perry*	***invented***	*the rubber band.*
Passive	*The rubber band*	***was invented***	***by** Steven Perry.*
	Subject	Verb	Agent

The **object** of the active verb becomes the subject in the passive sentence. The **active verb** changes into a passive form. The **subject** of the active verb becomes the agent. The **agent** is introduced with by or it is omitted.

b) Fill in the gaps with *is, are, was* or *were*.

1 Sir Alexander Fleming _____ known for discovering penicillin.
2 The boxes _____ sealed with tape before we sent them.
3 Paper clips _____ used to hold papers together without damaging them.
4 Correction fluid _____ made in a kitchen.
5 Some people _____ blessed with the gift of creativeness.

5 Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

1 Percy Spencer invented the microwave oven.
2 The company employs 200 people.
3 Vincent van Gogh painted *The Starry Night*.
4 John Atanasoff and Clifford Berry built the first electronic digital computer.
5 Columbus discovered America.
6 They make paper in Finland.

6 Join the sentences using the linkers in brackets.

1 He used to lock the door behind him. He left the house. **(whenever)** *He used to lock the door behind him whenever he left the house.*
2 Seatbelts can save lives. Not many people wear them. **(although)**
3 It was raining heavily. He left the house. **(even though)**
4 He didn't want to go out. He wasn't feeling well. **(besides)**
5 She studied hard. She could pass the exam. **(so that)**
6 He stood up. He wanted to see what was happening. **(in order to)**

Writing & Speaking

7 ICT Choose one of the objects in Ex. 1a. Do Internet research about how it was invented. Give a presentation to the class.

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