Passive voice

a- Complete the sentences using the PAST SIMPLE in the PASSIVE VOICE.

1- The earthquake in 2008 ..... (cause) by human activity.

2- The Canary Islands ..... (create) millions of years ago.

3- In 2009, 60 per cent of domestic rubbish ..... (not recycle).

4- Before 1750, greenhouse gases ..... (not produce) by man.

5- When ..... plastic ..... (make) for the first time?

6- ..... the trees ..... (blow down) in the hurricane last year?

b- Active or passive voice? Choose the correct option.

1- Lightning *kills / is killed* more people than tornadoes.

2- Most avalanches *start / are started* by people.

3- Mount Etna *didn't erupt / wasn't erupted* last year.

4- Trees *cut down / are cut down* to make new farmland.

5- The forest fire *didn't put out / wasn't put out* until the temperature fell.

c- Active or passive? Choose the correct option to complete the text. Be careful you have to choose between PRESENT SIMPLE or PAST SIMPLE in the ACTIVE or PASSIVE VOICE.

An enormous quantity of oil (1) ..... to produce plastic bags and bottles. In the process, greenhouse gases (2) ..... More than 200 billion litres of bottled water (3) ..... last year. Most of these bottles (4) ..... after the water (5) ..... . They (6)..... . After many years, plastic waste (7) ..... into tiny pieces by the weather. Sometimes, it (8) ..... by birds and other animals. This usually kills them.