

# Passive Voice: Present



Active:	Power stations	burn	fossil fuels.
	SUBJECT	P	OBJECT

Passive:	Fossil fuels	are burned	by power stations.
	1. OBJECT	BE+ participle or verb -ED	BY+SUBJECT



**1. Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Use the underlined words as the subject in the passive.**

**Example:** Cars release a lot of CO<sub>2</sub>.

A lot of CO<sub>2</sub> is released by cars.

Farmers burn down the forests.

Forests make most of the world's rain.

Satellites photograph forest fires.

Deforestation kills millions of animals.

Aeroplanes produce three per cent of greenhouse gases.

Greenhouse gases trap the sun's heat.

Climate change produces extreme weather.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide.

Power stations produce electricity.

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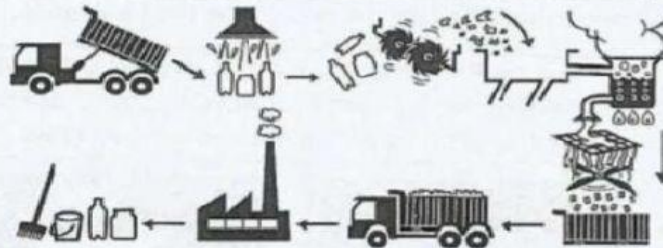
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**2. Listen to an environmental campaigner talking about biofuels. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Biofuels are fuels that are: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Biofuels are produced because fossil fuels are: \_\_\_\_\_
3. People think that biofuels are: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Most biofuels are used in: \_\_\_\_\_
5. The speaker thinks that biofuels are: \_\_\_\_\_

**4 \*\*\* 1.23** Listen to a description of how plastic bottles are recycled. Complete the sentences with these past participles.

melted used chopped dried cut up  
washed separated sold taken  
collected put cooled heated



- 1 Plastic bottles are collected from homes.
- 2 They are \_\_\_\_\_ to a recycling centre.
- 3 The bottles are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The clean bottles are \_\_\_\_\_ into small pieces.
- 5 The pieces are \_\_\_\_\_ into a large tank of water, where they are \_\_\_\_\_ into different kinds of plastic.
- 6 The pieces of plastic are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into a liquid.
- 7 The liquid is \_\_\_\_\_ into long strings.
- 8 The strings are \_\_\_\_\_ and then they are \_\_\_\_\_ into small pellets.
- 9 The pellets are \_\_\_\_\_ to factories.
- 10 They are \_\_\_\_\_ to make new products.

**5 \*\*\*** Complete the text with the passive form of the verbs in the boxes.

create recycle use leave  
throw away take bury

Plastic bags <sup>1</sup> are used by millions of people every day to make their lives easier. But a big environmental problem <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by these bags. Every week, an enormous amount of rubbish <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Some things <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but a lot of rubbish <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to landfill sites and it's <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in big holes in the ground. Here, the rubbish <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to decompose, but plastic bags can take hundreds of years to decompose.