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 CO2. — A lot of CO2 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.	_____.

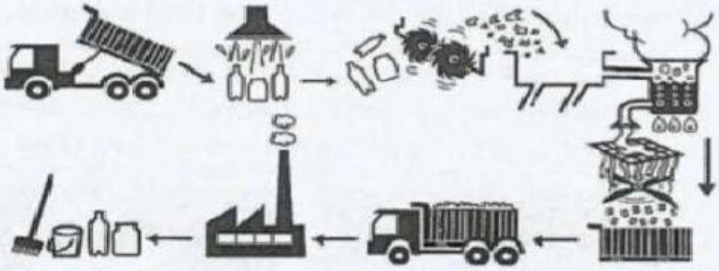
2. Listen to an environmental campaigner talking about biofuels. Choose the correct answer.

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: _____

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

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