

Passive Voice: Present



Active: Power stations **burn** fossil fuels.

SUBJECT	P	OBJECT
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Passive: Fossil fuels **are burned** **by** power stations.

1. OBJECT	BE+ participle or verb -ED	BY+SUBJECT
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1. Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Use the underlined words as the subject in the passive.

Example: Cars release a lot of CO₂.

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.

A lot of CO₂ is released **by** cars.

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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: _____

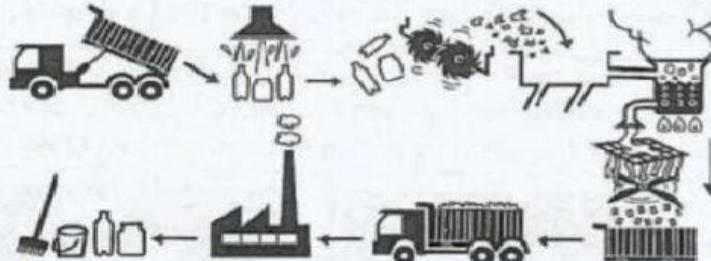
3. People think that biofuels are: _____

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

create recycle use leave
throw away take bury

Plastic bags ¹are 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.