

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

The passive

- 1 Circle the correct options.



- This coffee is / are produced in Kenya – try it.
- The problem with my computer *was* / *were* solved by switching it off and then on again.
- In the future, lots of diseases *are* / *will be* cured with technology.
- We're going to recycle all the plastic bags so nothing will be *waste* / *wasted*.
- Some people thought the Aurora Borealis *is* / *was* created by gods.
- Was there a loud bang when all the cables *was* / *were* connected?

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- These books will be delivered tomorrow morning to your house.
- The church was built in the 15th century, but now it's a library.
- Huge rocks were used to build Stonehenge in England.
- The ingredients were measured carefully, but the cake still tasted strange.
- Old clothes will be given at the school, and we'll give them all away to charity.
- The picnic is terrible! These flies are attracted to the food. They're everywhere!

- 3 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- CHRIS Hey Alison, let's see if you can answer these questions.
- ALISON A quiz? OK.
- CHRIS Right, first question. How many languages ¹ are spoken (speak) in India?
- ALISON Em ... it's a lot, I know that. 200?
- CHRIS No, 400! Next one: When ² was the first mobile phone app created (create)?
- ALISON I think it was 1998.
- CHRIS Very good! What ³ is measured (measure) in megabits per second?
- ALISON That's easy! Your internet connection speed.
- CHRIS And ... where ⁴ are 5.6 million cars produced (produce) in 2017?
- ALISON Em ... France?
- CHRIS No, it was in Germany. So, after all your hard work, would you like a pizza?
- ALISON Great idea. But first answer this question. What ⁵ will be delivered (deliver) by drones in the future?
- CHRIS That's obvious ... PIZZA!!

- 4 Write five passive sentences about mobile phones. Use these ideas.

- What are they made of?
- Where are they produced?
- What year was an important model produced?
- How are apps downloaded?
- How will they be used in the future?

