

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

The passive



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 the first mobile phone app (create)?

ALISON I think it was 1998.

CHRIS Very good! What ³ (measure) in megabits per second?

ALISON That's easy! Your internet connection speed.

CHRIS And ... where ⁴ 5.6 million cars (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 (deliver) by drones in the future?

CHRIS That's obvious ... PIZZA!!



1 ★ Circle the correct options.



- 1 This coffee is / are produced in Kenya – try it.
- 2 The problem with my computer was / were solved by switching it off and then on again.
- 3 In the future, lots of diseases are / will be cured with technology.
- 4 We're going to recycle all the plastic bags so nothing will be waste / wasted.
- 5 Some people thought the Aurora Borealis is / was created by gods.
- 6 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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- 1 These books will be delivered tomorrow morning to your house.
- 2 The church was built in the 15th century, but now it's a library.
- 3 Huge rocks were used to build Stonehenge in England.
- 4 The ingredients were measured carefully, but the cake still tasted strange.
- 5 Old clothes were collected at the school, and we'll give them all away to charity.
- 6 The picnic is terrible! These flies were attracted to the food. They're everywhere!

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

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

