

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

### Present simple passive

- 1 ✱ Complete the table with the past participle form of the verbs. Decide if the verb is regular or irregular.

Verb	Past participle	Regular	Irregular
add	<i>added</i>	✓	
break			
catch			
collect			
connect			
design			
develop			
eat			
manufacture			
throw			

- 2 ✱✱ Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- How many mobile phones *are made* every year in Asia? (make)
- Something new and exciting \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (invent)
- The potatoes \_\_\_\_\_ in very hot oil to make crisps. (place)
- These new inventions \_\_\_\_\_ enough, in my opinion. (not test)
- \_\_\_\_\_ these materials \_\_\_\_\_ online or should we go to a shop? (sell)

- 3 ✱✱ Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of verbs from Exercise 1.

- Food waste *is collected* for recycling – what a great idea!
- Sugar \_\_\_\_\_ to chocolate to make it sweet.
- How many plastic bottles \_\_\_\_\_ in the rubbish bin every day?
- New ideas \_\_\_\_\_ here by brilliant young inventors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ your computer \_\_\_\_\_ to the Internet by a cable or wi-fi?
- This system \_\_\_\_\_ to help blind people use a computer.

- 4 ✱✱ Write questions in the present simple passive. Then write the correct answers using the places in brackets.

- 1 coffee beans / grow / Iceland? (South America)

*Are coffee beans grown in Iceland?*

*No, they aren't. Coffee beans are grown in South America.*

- 2 most chocolate / produce / in Switzerland? (Germany)

- 3 cars / manufacture / in Malta? (China)

- 4 insects / eat / in the UK? (Thailand)

- 5 bananas / grow / in Denmark? (Ecuador)

- 5 ✱✱✱ Complete the text with the present simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

It's difficult to believe, but glass <sup>1</sup> *is made* (make) of liquid sand. That's right, the same sand that <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) on the beach or in the desert. When sand <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (heat) to about 1700 °C, it changes into a liquid. Other minerals <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (add) and when it cools to a much lower temperature, it changes into glass. To make glass containers, like jars or bottles, liquid glass <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pour) into containers in a particular shape, called moulds. Of course, glass <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ (use) for windows and we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (protect) by glass, for example in cars, but glass breaks easily, too. Glass <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ easily \_\_\_\_\_ (recycle), so manufacturers can often use the same glass again and again in their products.

