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Developing new technology



GRAMMAR Passives

1 Read the sentences. Are they active (A) or passive (P)?

- 1 No one understands why the event wasn't a greater success. _____
- 2 Just one month after the release date, over a million orders had been placed. _____
- 3 We're organizing a technology conference and we'd like to invite you to attend. _____
- 4 New ideas are being explored by the research and development department. _____
- 5 Experts are saying that this will be a revolutionary new device. _____
- 6 The product was reasonably popular, but people felt it was too expensive. _____
- 7 The new features are expected to be completed by 2020. _____
- 8 Exciting new developments in 3D images are being made by a company called Magic Leap. _____

2 Put the words in the correct order to make passive sentences.

- 1 being / in research / More / is / money / invested

- 2 built / scientists / was / in China / It / by

- 3 the product / made / released / were / was / Updates / before

- 4 next year / features / be / by / will / Security / added

- 5 have / device / with the / Instructions / provided / been

- 6 instead of / being / Electronic devices / textbooks / used / are

3 Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the text.

Developments in GPS

Up until now, the Global Positioning System (GPS) that most of us use on our phones and in our cars ¹has been provided / will be provided by US or Russian satellites in space. Currently, a new GPS system called Galileo ²was developed / is being developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). Thirty satellites ³are being placed / are been placed thousands of kilometres above the earth, and control centres ⁴have been built / have being built at two locations in Europe. Once it is completed, it is believed that more accurate GPS information ⁵was provided / will be provided by Galileo. Unlike the US and Russian GPS systems, Galileo ⁶will not be managed / was not managed by the government.

4 Complete the passive sentences using the verb and tense in brackets.

- 1 I went to a café while my laptop _____ (fix / past continuous)
- 2 They _____ feedback on the performance of the app. (give / past simple)
- 3 A new scheduling programme _____ (design / present continuous)
- 4 Applications _____ from tomorrow. (accept / future simple)
- 5 The product needs _____ before the release date. (test / infinitive with to)
- 6 A prize _____ for the best invention. (award / past simple)
- 7 An exciting new travel app _____ next year. (launch / future simple)
- 8 Her daughter _____ computer programming at school. (teach / present continuous)