

# UNIT 6 Grammar practice

## The passive: use & tenses

### 1 Underline *four* more passives in the text.

The iPad was created by Apple, Inc. It was launched in April 2010 and was an instant success. The iPad is built around a touch screen, and it has a camera, video and music player. It can be used to surf the internet and there are over 900,000 apps available to download. There are now many generations of iPad and new versions will be released in the future.

### 2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

are performed   have been taking   was cooked  
~~was developed~~   was played   wasn't invented

The electric light bulb was developed for the first time in the nineteenth century.

- Chess ..... for the first time in India.
- Plays by William Shakespeare ..... all over the world.
- The hamburger ..... for the first time in 1900 by Louis Lassen in Connecticut.
- The first can was made in 1810, but the first can opener ..... until 1870.
- People ..... photos since the nineteenth century.

### 3 Order the words to form sentences. Then cross out *by + agent* if it is not necessary.

stolen by / yesterday. / My / wallet / somebody / was

*My wallet was stolen by somebody yesterday.*

- people / the world. / read by / e-Books / being / all / are / over  
.....
- designed by / the Wright brothers / The / in / aeroplane / 1903. / was / first  
.....
- had / AD 105. / somebody / Paper / invented by / been / by  
.....
- painted by / 1931. / *The Persistence of Memory* / Salvador Dali / in / was  
.....
- opened by / tomorrow. / The design museum / will / the Prime Minister / be  
.....

## Active-passive transformations

### 4 Choose the correct options.

Millions of people have bought iPhones since their release in 2007.

iPhones **are being bought** / **have been bought** by millions of people since their release in 2007.

- Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928. Penicillin **is discovered** / **was discovered** by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
- Millions of people are watching the World Cup final at this moment. The World Cup final **is being watched** / **has been watched** by millions of people at this moment.
- They will be releasing the new iPad next year. The new iPad **will be released** / **was released** next year.
- When we arrived at the cinema, we discovered that they had cancelled the film. When we arrived at the cinema, we discovered that the film **was being cancelled** / **had been cancelled**.
- I didn't know that they were listening to our private conversation. I didn't know that our private conversation **is being listened to** / **was being listened to**.
- Bill Gates and Paul Allen started Microsoft in 1975. Microsoft **was started** / **was being started** by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in 1975.
- A journalist is writing the story. The story **is being written** / **was being written** by a journalist.

## Causative: *have / get something done*

### 5 Choose *A* or *B* to complete the sentences.

She *A* her hair done this morning.

A had                      B have                      C having

- We're having our living room ..... at the moment.  
A painting                      B painted                      C paint
- They're ..... some new flowers planted in the garden next week.  
A got                      B get                      C getting
- I'm having my blood pressure ..... tomorrow.  
A checking                      B have checked                      C checked
- She ..... her car repaired here since 2009.  
A 's having                      B 's had                      C have
- My sister's car broke down, even though she ..... it checked at the garage the day before.  
A 'd had                      B 's having                      C will have
- I want to get my computer ..... before my exams start.  
A fixed                      B fix                      C fixing

