

Simple present passive

1 Choose the correct word.

- 1 Books *is / are* made of paper.
- 2 Paper *is / are* made from trees.
- 3 The website *is / are* visited by thousands of people.
- 4 Lots of books *is / are* sold each year.
- 5 Each book *is / are* labeled to help people choose.
- 6 The books *is / are* left in a public place.

Remember

- Simple present passive is formed with the present tense of the verb *be* (i.e. *is* and *are*) + past participle:
*English **is taught** in school.*
- We use *by* + noun when we want to say who does the action:
*English is taught in school **by teachers**.*

2 Complete these sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 Books are _____ (write) by authors.
- 2 The pictures and illustrations are _____ (draw) by artists.
- 3 A special program is _____ (use) to teach how to write stories.
- 4 Most books are _____ (sell) by bookstores.
- 5 Lots of books are _____ (buy) online through companies like Amazon.
- 6 The website is _____ (design) to advertise the new titles.
- 7 Books are _____ (print) on paper.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the simple present passive.

In the U.S., lots of people read newspapers.

Newspapers *are read by lots of people in the U.S.*

- 1 Colorful leaflets advertise the new computer games.
The new computer games _____
- 2 The editor decides on the content of the newspaper.
The content _____
- 3 Newspapers include TV shows.
TV shows _____
- 4 They print the special announcements at the back of the newspaper.
Special announcements _____
- 5 The author writes a short outline of the book.
A short outline _____
- 6 Libraries put the new books on a display shelf.
New books _____