

Present simple 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* labelled to help people choose.
- 6 The books *is / are* left in a public place.

Remember

- Present simple 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 brackets.

- 1 Books are (write) by authors.
- 2 The pictures and illustrations are (draw) by artists.
- 3 A special programme is (use) to teach how to write stories.
- 4 Most books are (sell) by bookshops.
- 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 present simple passive.

In Britain lots of people read newspapers.

Newspapers *are read by lots of people in Britain.*

- 1 Colourful 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 the TV programmes.

TV programmes

- 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