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.

- The present simple passive is formed with the present tense of the verb be (is and are) + the 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 Mr Smith, our teacher.

2 Complete these sentences with the correct form of the verb 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 students 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 these sentences. Use the present simple passive.

In Britain lots of people read newspapers.
Newspapers _______________.
Newspapers are read by lots of people in Britain.

1 Colourful leaflets advertise the new computer games.
The new computer games _______________.

2 The author decides the title of the book.
The title _______________.

3 Newspapers include a list of TV programmes.
A list of TV programmes _______________.

4 They print the sports news at the back of the newspaper.
The sports news _______________.

5 The author writes a short description of the book.
A short description _______________.

6 Libraries put the new books on a special shelf.
New books _______________.

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