

The passive; the passive with *by*

- 1 Complete the text. Use passive forms of the verbs in the list.

encourage ■ hunt ■ kill ■ use ■ create ■ develop ■
ban ■ hold ■ still / use

In the past, animal fur *was used* to make warm protective clothes. People had no choice then, but things are different now. Many new man-made materials (1) _____ in the past 60 years. There has never been so much choice in the shops! Nevertheless, animal fur (2) _____ to make coats. Imagine: eighteen foxes have to (3) _____ to make one fur coat! What's more, some endangered wild animals (4) _____ illegally for their fur. Some people are prepared to pay a fortune for a tiger or leopard fur coat, even though these products (5) _____ for many years. Fortunately, ethical clothes (6) _____ by a new generation of designers. Ethical Fashion Shows (7) _____ in all the major capitals these days. Consumers (8) _____ to buy clothes made from environmentally friendly materials. And fur is not included!

- 2 Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Omit *by* + agent where appropriate.

We are only recycling a small proportion of our rubbish at the moment.

Only a small proportion of our rubbish is being recycled at the moment.

- 1 People download billions of gigabytes of information onto computers every day.

- 2 The company will launch a new advertising campaign next month.

- 3 People were drinking coffee in Britain in the seventeenth century.

- 4 They had originally used coffee as medicine before it became a drink.

- 5 Scientists say that air pollution causes climate change.

- 3 Correct the sentences. *Two* sentences are correct.

Clothes have manufactured here for over 20 years.

Clothes have been manufactured here for over 20 years.

- 1 Their latest gadgets are being advertising both online and in magazines.

- 2 A lot of money has been wasted by this government.

- 3 Do you know when the new shopping centre will be building?

- 4 Credit cards are accepting in all our stores.

- 5 These trainers were a bargain because the price had reduced in the sale.

- 6 Apple's first logo was created by Rob Janoff in 1977.

- 4 Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Use *by* + agent if necessary.

The police are questioning a man about the thefts.

A man is being questioned about the thefts.

- 1 People didn't use mobile phones regularly until the 1990s.

- 2 The Japanese make a lot of computer games.

- 3 They have sold more iPads than any other tablet computer since January.

- 4 A tour guide will give us instructions when we get there.

- 5 Nobody had seen Alan for a year when he suddenly turned up last week.

- 6 They were repairing my motorbike yesterday.

- 7 Bill Gates started Microsoft in 1975.

- 8 The organizers have already sold thousands of tickets for the festival.

- 9 They are delivering our new TV tomorrow.
