



GUIA DE INGLÉS TERCERO MEDIO

INSPIRATION 3

Worksheet 2

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 _____.



Worksheet 12

Past simple passive

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Liquid Paper was _____ (invent) by Bessie Nesmith in 1951.
- 2 Penicillin was _____ (discover) by Alexander Fleming.
- 3 The first telegraph system was _____ (build) by Samuel Morse in 1835.
- 4 The first radio transmission across the Atlantic was _____ (make) on December 12, 1901.
- 5 The World Wide Web was _____ (launch) in 1990 after Tim Berners-Lee created the first browser.
- 6 The first commercial mobile phones were _____ (sell) by NTT in Japan in 1979.

The past simple passive is formed with: the past tense of the verb *be* (*was* or *were*) + past participle.
The first real aeroplane was built in 1903.
We use *by* + noun when we want to say who does the action.
The first real aeroplane was flown by Orville and Wilbur Wright.

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Be careful! Not all the sentences are passive.

- 1 Most people think the electric light bulb (1) *invented / was invented* by Thomas Edison, but in fact it was Humphry Davy who (2) *invented / was invented* it in 1800.

- 2 In 1655 Huygens (3) *discovered / was discovered* Titan, the largest moon of Saturn.
- 3 The first microwave ovens (4) *produced / were produced* by The Raytheon Corporation in 1954.
- 4 In 1928 the colour TV (5) *developed / was developed* by John Logie Baird. Two years later he (6) *made / was made* the first public TV broadcast.
- 5 The first book in English (7) *printed / was printed* in about 1474 by William Caxton.
- 6 The first designs of a submarine (8) *made / were made* by Leonardo da Vinci.

3 Rewrite each sentence using the passive.

Orville and Wilbur Wright built and flew the first aeroplane.

The first aeroplane was built and flown by Orville and Wilbur Wright.

- 1 Marie Curie discovered radium in 1898.
Radium _____

- 2 The Egyptians built the first pyramids.
The first pyramids _____

- 3 Marconi made the radio popular.
The radio _____
