

Grammar 1

The passive

present simple passive		
affirmative	negative	questions
Digital pens are used.	Digital pens aren't used.	Are digital pens used?
past simple passive		
affirmative	negative	questions
Digital pens were used.	Digital pens weren't used.	Were digital pens used?
future passive		
affirmative	negative	questions
Digital pens will be used.	Digital pens won't be used.	Will digital pens be used?

1 Circle the correct answer.

- Computers **is / are** provided to all students.
- Access to the computer room **is / are** allowed between 9am and 4pm.
- The room **is / are** locked at lunchtime.
- Using social networking **is / are** forbidden.
- The computers **is / are** switched off at night.

2 Circle the correct answer.

The history of brushing our teeth

- In ancient times a twig ... on the teeth to clean them.
a) was rubbed **b)** were rubbed
- The first toothbrush ... in 1498 in China.
a) were invented **b)** was invented
- It ... from hairs from a pig's neck!
a) were made **b)** was made
- Electric toothbrushes ... until 1939 in Switzerland.
a) wasn't developed **b)** weren't developed
- Toothpaste ... in 500 BC in China and India.
a) was used **b)** were used
- Toothpaste in a tube ... in the USA in 1892 by Dr Washington Sheffield.
a) was introduced **b)** were introduced

3 Complete the sentences with the correct future passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Cars of the future

In the future, better and safer cars will be invented by inventors. (invent)

- They _____ by electricity or water. (power)
- They _____ by computers. (control)
- Miniature cars _____ around big cities. (drive)
- Different car shapes and sizes _____ . (design)

4 Complete the sentences with the present simple, past simple or future passive form of the verbs in brackets.

The tape recorder

- In the past, music _____ on tape recorders. (record)
- A cassette tape _____ to make it work. (need)



The smartphone

- Today, messages _____ and received quickly on smartphones. (send)
- All the functions _____ on a touchscreen. (control)



Robots

- In the future, all our housework _____ by robots. (do)
- Many domestic appliances _____ . (not need)

