

The passive; have something done; Gerunds and infinitives

1 Complete these sentences with the passive form of the verbs given in the correct tense.

- 1 A millisecond (define) as a thousandth of a second.
- 2 Philosophy (invent) by the Greeks.
- 3 I don't think the study (publish) yet.
- 4 I haven't got a smartphone – mine (fix) at the moment.
- 5 Who knows when the problem (solve). Soon, I hope.
- 6 Galileo's discoveries (inspire) by his study of nature.

2 Rewrite these sentences in the passive form. Include the agent only where it is necessary.

- 1 They use this device to connect the two networks.
This device
- 2 They analysed each part of the process.
Each part
- 3 In the future, renewable sources will generate 30% of the world's energy.
In the future, 30%
- 4 A teacher who speaks Chinese is translating the instructions.
The instructions
- 5 Who won the Nobel Peace Prize last year?
Who was?

3 Complete these questions with the correct form of have/get something done.

- 1 I'm tired of my hairstyle so I'm going to (cut).
- 2 My grandfather suffers from high blood pressure, so he (check) once a week.
- 3 The email was in French and he (translate/it).
- 4 They (publish/the book) by the end of this year.
- 5 I can't have friends over because my parents (paint/our house).
- 6 I spilled a drink on the floor but it doesn't matter because I (clean/the carpets) tomorrow.

4 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 I go to run/running in the park every weekend.
- 2 Recharge/Recharging a battery takes a couple of hours.
- 3 It's important to learn/learning to take responsibility for your actions.
- 4 Do you mind to switch/switching on the light?
- 5 Are you good at fix/fixing broken gadgets?
- 6 Tap the screen to get/for getting the tool bar.

5 Choose the best answers to complete the text.

There have been numerous inventions that have changed the course of history. When the light bulb (1) in the late nineteenth century, for example, it completely (2) people's lives. Thanks to brighter lights, public buildings like libraries and museums (3) open after dark, and became very popular. People stopped buying candles and they bought electricity and (4) to their homes.

Nothing can stop genius, and cool new gadgets (5) nearly every day. However, hands up if you've ever had a new brilliant idea and thought to yourself 'Why (6) yet?' For example, (7) second-hand school books is a great way (8) a bit of money. But who wants to buy books that (9) with a highlighter pen? It would be fantastic (10) fading highlighters, that is, highlighters that disappear after a few months. I know scientists are working on it. But who knows when they (11) on the market?

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| 1 A introduced | B was introduced | C has introduced |
| 2 A transformed | B was transformed | C is transforming |
| 3 A kept | B had it kept | C were kept |
| 4 A sent the bill | B had the bill sent | C had sent the bill |
| 5 A are being invented | B invent | C have been invented |
| 6 A hasn't this been invented | B isn't this been invented | C isn't this invented |
| 7 A to sell | B sell | C selling |
| 8 A to make | B making | C make |
| 9 A marked | B have marked | C have been marked |
| 10 A having | B to have | C have |
| 11 A will put | B is put | C will be put |