



The passive

Part 1: Video preparation

- 1 Do you remember reading about some women inventors and their inventions on page 131 of your Student's Book? Look at the photo. What is the invention?



- 2 What does the machine in the photo do? Do people use it inside or outside their home?

- 3 Complete the phrases with **by** or **in**.

- a 1971 Stephanie Kwolek
invented Kevlar.
b The software created the scientists was
named 'Ada'.

Part 2: Video comprehension

Watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

- 1 Answer the questions.

- Does the presenter (Dave) like the invention in the photo? Why/Why not?
- What was the name of the inventor? Josephine Cochran or Mary Anderson?
- What century was it invented in – the 19th century or the 20th century?
- What other great invention does the presenter (Dave) talk about?

- 2 Read the example sentences. Use the video explanation to tick (✓) the sentence in the passive. Then tick (✓) the correct rule for passive sentences.

Dishwashers are used in many homes today. ☐
Josephine Cochran invented the dishwasher. ☐

- a We use the passive when we are more interested in the action. ☐
b We use the passive when we are more interested in the person who did the action. ☐

- 3 Tick (✓) the sentences that appear in the video. One of the sentences is NOT correct – which one? Can you correct it?

- The dishwasher was invented in 1886. ☐
- Dishwashers are used in many homes today. ☐
- The chocolate chip cookie invented by Ruth Graves Wakefield. ☐
- It was invented by Ruth Graves Wakefield in around 1938. ☐

- 4 Look at the sentences in 1 and complete the rules (a–c) for passive sentences.

- a We form the present passive with the
simple of **to be** and the past participle of the verb.
b We form the past passive with the
simple of **to be** and the past participle of the verb.
c When we need to say who does the action we use
the preposition

Part 3: Grammar practice

- 1 Are these sentences active (A) or passive (P)?

- Ruth Graves Wakefield invented the chocolate chip cookie.
- Many people use dishwashers.
- Windscreen wipers were invented by Mary Andersen.
- The servants often broke her glasses and plates.
- Kevlar is used to make skis.

- 2 Circle the correct alternative.

- Dishwashers is/are used in many countries.
- Windscreen wipers are operate/operated from inside a car.
- Kevlar was invented in/by 1971.
- Kevlar used/is used in bullet-proof jackets.
- Charlotte Bridgwood was designed/designed windscreen wipers.