



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?

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

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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.

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

- 1 The dishwasher was invented in 1886.
 - 2 Dishwashers are used in many homes today.
 - 3 The chocolate chip cookie invented by Ruth Graves Wakefield.
 - 4 It was invented by Ruth Graves Wakefield in around 1938.
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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)?

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

2 Circle the correct alternative.

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