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1 Rewrite the sentences using the passive voice.

- They extract tin from mines in England.
Tin is extracted from mines in England.
- They import rubber from Asia.
Rubber is imported from Asia.
- Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.
Penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming.
- The Sumerians invented written language.
Written language was invented by the Sumerians.
- People didn't use plastic before the early 1900s.
Plastic wasn't used before the early 1900s.
- They built the world's tallest building in six years.
The world's tallest building was built in six years.

2 Write the questions in the passive voice.

- Who / *Romeo and Juliet* / write?
Who was *Romeo and Juliet* written by?
- Who / the Sagrada Familia / design?
Who was the Sagrada Familia designed by?
- What / glass / make from?
What is glass made from?
- Where / sushi / eat?
Where is sushi eaten?
- Who / the *Mona Lisa* / paint?
Who was the *Mona Lisa* painted by?
- When / the internet / invent?
When was the internet invented?

3 Answer the questions in Exercise 2 using the passive and the information in the box. In pairs, ask and answer the questions. Then think of three more questions.

Gaudí in the 1980s Japan
Leonardo da Vinci sand Shakespeare

- Romeo and Juliet* was written by Shakespeare.
- The Sagrada Familia was designed by Gaudi.
- Glass is made from sand.
- Sushi is eaten in Japan.
- The *Mona Lisa* was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.
- The internet was invented in the 1980s.

4 Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verbs in the box.



consider design drive hurt invent
not accept not see not sell test transport

The first driverless cars ¹ were invented in the 1920s in the USA. However, they ² aren't seen on the roads yet. Cars driven by robots ³ are designed and ⁴ tested by different companies worldwide, but they ⁵ aren't accepted as safe yet because in some tests, passengers ⁶ were hurt. The Google car ⁷ is considered the most commercial these days, but it ⁸ isn't sold to the public yet. Some specialised models ⁹ are driven in dangerous locations by the army, and people ¹⁰ are transported by driverless buses in some airports, but those are the only places where these vehicles are used.