



## The passive present simple

### Part 1: Video preparation



**1** Do you remember reading the text *The computer that began it all* on page 123 of your Student's Book? What was the main purpose for the invention?

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**2** Put the letters in the correct order to make a word that means you are connected to the Internet.

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**3** Tick (✓) the Internet activities that are mentioned in the article.

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| 1 access information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 chat online        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 print documents    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 send pictures      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 shop online        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 use a webcam       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Part 2: Video comprehension

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

**1** Answer the questions.

- What did the presenter (Dave) have to do before the beginning of the video?  
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- What does Dave say people sometimes steal from the Internet?  
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3 How much money do people spend on the Internet?  
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4 What does Dave have to do at the end of the video?  
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**2** Complete the sentences with the correct words from the video. Then match the sentences with the correct rules. There is one rule that doesn't apply.

- Hundreds of millions of ..... are sent each day.
- Hundreds of cyber criminals are arrested each .....  
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- Sometimes personal ..... is stolen on the Internet.

We use the passive when ...

- we are more interested in the action than the person who does the action. ....
- we are interested in who does the action. ....
- we don't know who exactly does the action. ....
- it is obvious or understood who does the action. ....

**3** Look at these sentences. Which sentence is NOT in the video? Which sentence is NOT passive?

- Hundreds of cyber criminals are arrested each year.
- Millions of dollars are spent by online shoppers.
- I send hundreds of emails every week.
- Information is shared on the Internet.

**4** Complete the rules for the passive.

- To make the passive, we need the verb ..... + the ..... participle. If the sentence is in the present simple passive, we need the present simple of .....
- We use the preposition ..... to introduce the person or thing which does the action.

### Part 3: Grammar practice

Write sentences in the passive using the prompts. Use by when necessary.

- Hundreds of emails / send / office workers / every day.  
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- The order form / complete / online / the customers.  
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- Social network sites / use / throughout the world.  
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- The off switch / find / at the bottom of the laptop.  
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- Most holidays / buy / on the Internet / these days.  
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