

# GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

WITH A TEACHER

## UNIT 15 Present simple passive

### Practice

**1** Decide if the sentences are active (A) or passive (P).

- 1 Thousands of new apps are downloaded every day.
- 2 We need more computers in my school.
- 3 Computer viruses are often sent by email.
- 4 A lot of money is spent on developing new smartphones.
- 5 A virus deleted all the information on my laptop.

**2** Complete the sentences. Use the active form.

- 1 I'm always given money for my birthday by my granny.  
My granny \_\_\_\_ for my birthday.
- 2 All our vegetables are grown by my parents.  
My parents \_\_\_\_ vegetables.
- 3 Cambridge is visited by lots of tourists.  
Lots of tourists \_\_\_\_ Cambridge.
- 4 Computers are used by most schoolchildren nowadays.  
Most schoolchildren \_\_\_\_ computers nowadays.
- 5 This computer is used by everyone in my class.  
Everyone in my class \_\_\_\_ this computer.

**3 Complete the sentences. Use the passive form of the verb. Add *by* only if it is important.**

- 1 You need a password to enter this website.  
A password \_\_\_\_ this website.
- 2 My brother cleans Dad's car once a month.  
Dad's car \_\_\_\_ once a month.
- 3 We don't send children to prison in this country.  
Children \_\_\_\_ in this country.
- 4 Thieves steal ten bicycles every day in this town.  
Ten bicycles \_\_\_\_ in this town.
- 5 People play football all the year round.  
Football \_\_\_\_ all the year round.
- 6 My parents don't allow me to have a TV in my bedroom.  
I \_\_\_\_ a TV in my bedroom.
- 7 Someone designs a clever new app every day.  
A clever new app \_\_\_\_ every day.
- 8 A local company pays for our school trips.  
Our school trips \_\_\_\_.
- 9 Criminals hide viruses in software.  
Viruses \_\_\_\_ in software.
- 10 A film star owns that house.  
That house \_\_\_\_.

**4 Complete the text about Instagram. Use the present simple passive form of the verbs.**

**Instagram** is an online photo and video sharing app and <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (own) by Facebook.



The app is extremely popular and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (use) by over 500 million people daily.

Over 95 million photos and videos <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (share) every day and a word or phrase <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (add) to the photo, called a 'tag'. Thousands of products <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (advertise) by companies on the app too. Around 50,000 'likes' <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to photos and videos every *second* on Instagram!