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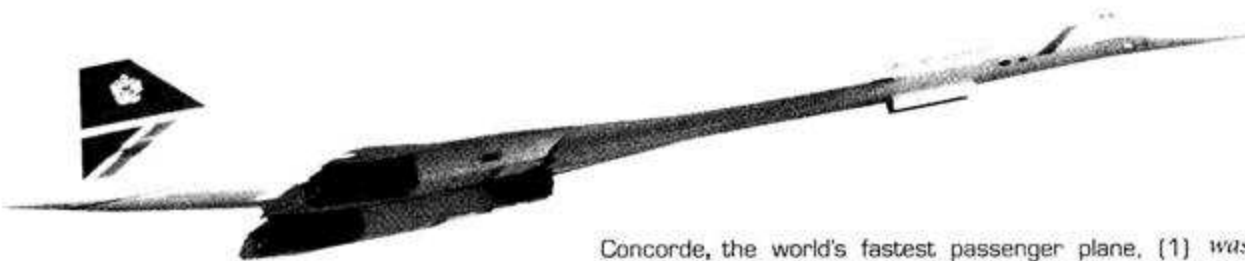
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Things that changed the world

The passive

1 Forming the passive

Complete the text with the passive form of the verbs.
Use the Present Simple, Past Simple, or Present Perfect.



Faster than the speed of sound (2) _____ (start) in 1962. £1.5 billion (3) _____ (spend) on developing Concorde and it (4) _____ (test) for over 5,000 hours, which makes it the most tested plane in history. The first passenger plane (5) _____ (introduce) by British Airways and Air France in 1976. Concorde holds many world records, including the fastest crossing of the Atlantic from New York to

London, which (6) _____ (achieve) in 2 hours 45 seconds! Flying at twice the speed of sound means that flying time (7) _____ (reduce) by half, which is why the Concorde flight between London and New York (8) _____ (use) a lot by business people and film stars – you can leave Britain at 10.30 and arrive in New York an hour earlier! Twenty planes (9) _____ (build) up to the present day. But there are no plans to build any more. Each plane (10) _____ (produce) at a cost of £55 million, which makes them very expensive!



2 Making questions

T 11.1 Complete the questions.

- 1 Concorde was developed in the 1960s.
When *was Concorde developed* _____ ?
- 2 £1.5 billion was spent on its development.
How much _____ ?
- 3 Twenty planes have been built altogether.
How many _____ ?
- 4 The Houses of Parliament were built in the nineteenth century.
When _____ ?
- 5 Twenty people were hurt in the train crash.
How many _____ ?
- 6 Champagne is produced in France.
Where _____ ?
- 7 She was fined £300 for speeding.
How much _____ ?
- 8 School teachers are paid about £25,000 a year.
How much _____ ?
- 9 Our post is delivered twice a day.
How often _____ ?
- 10 Three teenagers were given an award for bravery yesterday.
Why _____ ?

3 Making negatives

T 11.2 Correct the sentences.

- 1 Paper is made from plastic.
Paper isn't made from plastic. It's made from wood.
- 2 President Kennedy was killed in New York.

- 3 Coffee is grown in Scotland.

- 4 *Sunflowers* was painted by Renoir.

- 5 Walkman cassette players were developed by the Russians.

- 6 The Berlin Wall was knocked down in 1982.

- 7 The 2000 Olympic Games were held in New Zealand.

- 8 Rolls-Royce cars are made in Japan.

- 9 Coca-Cola has been produced for over 200 years.

4 Short answers

Answer the questions about Concorde in exercise 1, and about you. Use short answers.

- 1 Was Concorde developed by France and Germany?

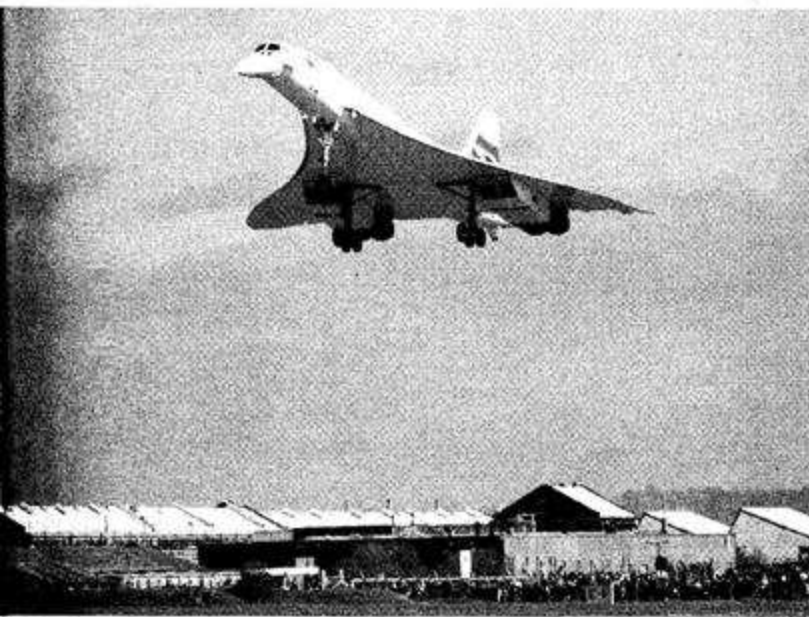
- 2 Was the Concorde project started in 1962?

- 3 Is it the most tested plane in history?

- 4 Have 20 planes been built altogether?

- 5 Is your school equipped with a language laboratory?

- 6 Has your house been decorated recently?



5 Newspaper stories

1 Complete the stories with the passive verbs in the box.

were injured	was found
have been given	has been organized
were delayed	were taken
was operated on	will be helped
was given (x2)	was discovered
was derailed	have been interviewed



William Murphy

Million dollar reward

A winning lottery ticket worth \$7 million (1) *was discovered* in a wallet in the street last week in Montreal, Canada. It (2) _____ by unemployed builder William Murphy, who returned the ticket and the wallet to their owner, Jean-Paul Dupont. Yesterday Mr Murphy (3) _____ \$1.2 million as a reward for his honesty.

Heart man alive and kicking

Taxi-driver Phil Young is celebrating a very special anniversary today. It is exactly one year since he (4) _____ at St Bartholomew's Hospital and (5) _____ a new heart. Mr Young, 47, is now training to play in a charity football match which (6) _____ by the hospital to raise money for the transplant programme. So far 11 people (7) _____ new hearts by doctors at the hospital. 'I hope more people (8) _____ as I was,' said Mr Young. 'And I hope I can score the winning goal in the match!'



TRAIN CRASH AT 80 MPH



The London-Edinburgh express (9) _____ yesterday morning as it was passing through York station. Ten people (10) _____ and four people (11) _____ to hospital, but no one was seriously hurt. Trains (12) _____ for the rest of the day. Several eye witnesses (13) _____, but it is not yet clear how the crash happened.

2 Write the questions about the newspaper stories above.

1 *What was found on the street last week?*
A winning lottery ticket worth \$7 million.

2 _____
\$1.2 million.

3 _____
Exactly one year ago.

4 _____ to raise money?
A charity football match.

5 _____
Eleven.

6 _____
Yesterday morning.

Active and passive

6 Notices

Look at the shop notices. For each notice, write two sentences, one passive and one active.

1 *German and French are spoken here.*

We speak German and French here.

- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

1 *German and French
are spoken*

2 **PART-TIME
ASSISTANT
WANTED**

3 *Jewellery
bought and sold*

4 *Credit cards accepted*

5 *Afternoon
Tea
Served*

6 **NO DOGS
ALLOWED**

7 Active or passive?

T 11.3 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets in the correct tense, active or passive.

Nylon

The first man-made fibre

Nylon (1) _____ (invent) in the early 1930s by an American chemist, Julian Hill. Other scientists (2) _____ (work) with his invention and finally on 27 October 1938, Nylon (3) _____ (introduce) to the world. It was cheap and strong and immediately (4) _____ (become) successful, especially in the making of women's stockings.

During the Second World War, the best present for many women was a pair of nylon stockings, but more importantly, nylon (5) _____ (use) to make parachutes and tyres.

Today, nylon (6) _____ (find) in many things: carpets, ropes, seat belts, furniture, computers, and even spare parts for the human body. It (7) _____ (play) an important part in our lives for over 50 years. Next year about 36 million tons of it (8) _____ (manufacture).



Vocabulary

8 Words with more than one meaning

The words in the dictionary extracts all have more than one meaning.

Example

wave¹ /weɪv/ *n.* **1** rough top of the water when the sea is not calm; rolling movement of the sea when it crashes on the beach: *A big wave swept the man off the boat.* **2** movement from side to side, up and down, etc: *He gave a wave of the hand to say goodbye.* **3** gentle curve or bend: *Her hair has waves.*
wave² *v.* **1** move gently to and fro: *The flag is waving in the wind.* **2** move something from one side to the other: *Ada waved her hand as the train left.*

I saw Ann this morning. I didn't speak to her, I just waved.

This is an example of entry 2, definition 2.

On the last days of our holiday, we couldn't go swimming because the waves were too big.

This is an example of entry 1, definition 1.

The grass was waving in the wind.

This is an example of entry 2, definition 1.

present¹ /'preznt/ *adj.* **1** being here; being there: *Is all the class present?* **2** being or happening now: *my present job, at the present time, now.*
present² *n.* the time now, at present, now, for the present, for now; until later: *I've got enough money for the present, but I must go to the bank tomorrow.*
present³ *n.* gift; something that you give to someone: *a birthday present.*

- 4 **A** I've got a present for you.
B Oh, thank you! Is it something nice?
5 The present government is ruining the country.
6 The whole family was present at the wedding.

Notice that this dictionary has a separate entry for nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.

Look at the dictionary extracts and the sentences. Which entry (and which definition) is the word an example of?

fit¹ /fɪt/ *adj.* (fitter, fittest) healthy; well: *Exercise keeps us fit.*
fit² *n.* **1** sudden illness. **2** doing something suddenly: *He was in fits of laughter.* **3** way clothes look and feel on someone: *My old shoes are a tight fit.*
fit³ *v.* (*pres. part.* fitting, *past part. & past tense* fitted /'fɪtɪd/) **1** be the right size and shape: *Do your new shoes fit well?* **2** put something into its place: *Mr. Unwin fitted a new lock on the door. fit in, (a) find time to do something: Can you fit in a visit to me? (b) find space for something: Can you fit in another person? Is there room in the car?*

- 1 I managed to fit all my clothes into one suitcase.
2 These jeans don't fit me. They're the wrong size.
3 He runs five miles every day. He's very fit.

- 7 When there is a fair in my town, I like to win prizes and go on the rides.
8 I have fair skin, so I can't lie in the sun for very long.
9 **A** I gave my son a bike for Christmas, and my daughter a book.
B That's not very fair. Did she mind?

fair¹ /fɛə(r)/ *adj.* **1** honest; treating people in the right way: *a fair boss.* **2** quite good but not very good: *Your work is good, but Derek's is only fair.* **3** dry and sunny: *fair weather.* **4** with a pale or light colour: *fair hair.*
fair² *n.* **1** special market: *We saw new kinds of farm machines at the agricultural fair.* **2** festival in the open air, where you can buy things, play games, hear music, etc.

still¹ /stɪl/ *adj.* not moving or making any sound: *The air is so still that the smoke is rising straight up from the fire.*
stillness *n.*
still² *adv.* without moving or making any sound; quietly: *Please sit still while I cut your hair.*
still³ *adv.* **1** up to now; even now: *I can't go because I'm still busy.* **2** up to then and at that time: *When I left the fire was still burning.*

- 10 Don't move! Keep still or I'll shoot you!
11 **A** What do you do these days?
B I still have the same job at the bank.

Writing

9 Writing a review of a book or a film

- 1 Complete the review of the novel *Frankenstein* with the sentences in the box. Which tense is used in the review, Past or Present Simple?

FRANKENSTEIN

Frankenstein was written by Mary Shelley, the wife of the poet P. B. Shelley, in 1818.

(1) _____ The story is told through the letters of a man called Walton, an English explorer. We are told of Victor Frankenstein, a student from Geneva, who discovers the secret of life.

(2) _____ People are terrified of it because it is so huge and ugly. The poor monster has no friends and feels lonely and depressed, so it asks Frankenstein to make it a wife.

(3) _____ Then the monster attacks and kills not only Frankenstein's brother, but also his friend, and his bride Elizabeth. Frankenstein is heartbroken and is determined to kill the monster.

(4) _____ *Frankenstein* is a fascinating story because of the character of the monster, which is both sad and frightening at the same time.



- a So he collects bones and bodies from graveyards, and makes a person which is more monster than man.
- b However, he dies while chasing the monster, which then kills itself.
- c This he refuses to do.
- d It is a horror story which is thought to be the original science fiction novel.



- 2 Look at these headings. Find the information in the review of *Frankenstein*.

- title and author
- events in the story
- type of book/film
- your opinion of the book or film
- characters

- 3 Make some notes under the headings above about a book or film that you have read or seen recently. Then write a review in about 200 words.
