

## The passive – present simple and other tenses; *have* and *get* something done

### 1 Complete the sentences with the present simple passive form of the verbs in the box.

manufacture • not check • open • send • visit

- Our company website is very popular – it ..... around 100 times a day.
- Most computers and smartphones ..... in China.
- It's impossible to know how many email accounts ..... every day.
- The school computers ..... very often, so they get lots of viruses.
- You get a notification sound when an email .....

### 2 Circle the correct alternative.

- Millions of photos are/is uploaded every day.
- The videos I posted was/were shared by over 1,000 people.
- Lots of music files are being/are downloaded at this very moment.
- How many candidates are going to be/have been interviewed tomorrow?
- I have read that a new operating system will be/is launched next year.
- Oh no! The system is/has been hacked again!

### 3 Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verbs given.

- I can't remember who the world wide web ..... by. (invent)
- Unfortunately, the broadband here is not very fast. They say it ..... once already, but I don't believe them. (upgrade)
- A new antivirus software ..... on the computers – hopefully it works! (just/install)
- I haven't got my tablet with me – it ..... at the moment. (fix)
- The new website ..... all day yesterday. (build)

### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have* or *get*.

- Now that everyone uses digital cameras, how many people still ..... their photos developed?
- She ..... her PC repaired several times since she bought it.
- I'm not sure about my translation – I ..... it looked at by a native speaker tomorrow.
- It's a lot of work, but we ..... it done by tomorrow.
- He didn't have his glasses, so he ..... a friend to read the paper to him instead.

### 5 Choose the correct alternative.

In the future, do you think that the whole world (1) will be connected/connect by the Internet and social media? The benefits of being connected are clear: when people (2) were/are connected, they can get access to jobs, education and communications. But not everyone can afford to (3) get/is getting the Internet set up in their home.

Unfortunately, the Internet (4) is access/is accessed by only one-third of people today. Some studies show that if a billion more people (5) are connected/were connected to the Internet, 100 million more jobs (6) are being/would be created. How can we make it happen?

One solution is to improve the networks that are used (7) from/by operators. Another solution is to make people understand the importance of the Internet. For example in Zambia, the Internet (8) was offered/will be offered for free at the beginning, but then the operators (9) having/had people pay for it when they realised how useful it was. Then, that money (10) was/will reinvested into better Internet for everyone.