

Unit 9

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1 Rewrite the sentences in the present simple passive form. Use *by* + agent where appropriate.

1 They send an interactive CD ROM in the post.

An interactive CD ROM is sent in the post.

2 The university offers a variety of degree programmes.

3 We send a weekly newsletter to your chosen email address.

4 They use the latest teaching methods.

5 Do they speak a different kind of Chinese in Hong Kong?

6 I keep my Italian language skills up-to-date with online videos.

7 The students exchange all sorts of handy learning tips.

2 Complete this online course announcement with the present simple passive form of the verbs.

- Your email address ¹ *is kept* (keep) strictly confidential.
- A modern, virtual classroom environment ² (offer), where students practise speaking with live instructors.
- All students' performances ³ (assess) by experienced online teachers.
- All materials for this course, including multimedia material and exercises, ⁴ (provide) online.
- Please note that students ⁵ (expect) to study independently.
- High-speed access to the internet ⁶ (require).
- The enrolment process ⁷ (complete) when you receive our confirmation by email.

3 Delete *by* + agent in the sentences where you don't need it. Tick if you do need *by* + agent.

1 The college was built ~~by a builder~~ in 1886.

2 Our martial art lessons are taught by top-class instructors.

3 Nearly every year, video equipment is stolen by a thief from the language lab.

4 Some traditional learning skills aren't used by people anymore.

5 The orientation course is presented by a distinguished lecturer.

6 The graduation ceremony was attended by senior students and their relatives.

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4 Complete the sentences with the past simple passive form of the verbs.

- 1 The Braille system *was invented* (invent) in 1825 by Louis Braille, who was blind.
- 2 When (the first word / write) on stone?
- 3 In 2003, ancient symbols (find) on some Neolithic tortoise shells.
- 4 In ancient Egypt, wooden tablets for writing (not / use) as much as papyrus.
- 5 (eBooks / publish) free of charge at first?
- 6 In both Egyptian and Mayan hieroglyphs, time (represent) with pictures.

5 Choose the correct option (a or b) to complete the sentences.

- 1 Five hundred years ago, new languages to the continent of America.
a are brought b were brought
- 2 Is that dialect in your region?
a still speaking b still spoken
- 3 I don't like the coffee that here.
a is served b serves
- 4 Why about the lessons last week?
a weren't you contacted b aren't you contacted
- 5 Maria Montessori, a famous Italian educator, in the late 19th century.
a has born b was born
- 6 These PowerPoint presentations by our best students.
a were prepared b prepared