Unit 9 Revision

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