

UNIT 19

PRESENT SIMPLE PASSIVE

Present simple <i>be</i>	+ past participle
I'm (am) / 'm (am) not	given homework every day.
You / We / They 're (are) / aren't (are not)	taken to school by car.
He / She / It 's (is) / isn't (is not)	taught by Mrs Kingston.

- We use the passive to talk about what happens to something or someone.
Cereal is often covered in sugar or chocolate.
Packets of cereal are sold all over the world.
- We often don't know, or we aren't interested in, who or what does the action.
The grain is taken to the factory. (We aren't interested in who takes the grain.)
The cereal is eaten for breakfast. (We aren't interested in who eats the cereal.)
- We can use *by* if we think it is important to say who does the action.
We are taught maths by Mr Green. (= Mr Green teaches us maths.)
The grain is mixed by a special machine. (= A special machine mixes the grain.)

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Bread *is sold / are sold* in that shop.
- 2 We *is given / are given* a lot of homework on Fridays.
- 3 My bag *isn't made / aren't made* of leather.
- 4 The World Cup *is watched / are watched* all over the world.
- 5 I'm *not paid / isn't paid* to help at home.
- 6 My friends *isn't invited / aren't invited* to the party.

2 Complete the sentences with the present passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My best friend _____ (call) Jon. It's short for Jonathan.
- 2 Thousands of films _____ (download) every day.
- 3 Walking boots _____ (not need) for the school trip.
- 4 I _____ (give) money for my birthday by my parents.
- 5 In my school, uniforms _____ (not wear).
- 6 Cakes _____ (bake) in the oven.

3 Rewrite the sentences in the present passive.

- 0 Someone cleans our classroom every day.
Our classroom is cleaned every day.
- 1 People speak English all over the world.
English _____ all over the world.
- 2 We don't use the computers in our classroom.
The computers in our classroom _____.
- 3 They don't cook the food in our school.
The food _____ in our school.
- 4 My friends send me a lot of messages.
A lot of messages _____ my friends.
- 5 They don't grow bananas in England.
Bananas _____ in England.
- 6 Special machines make the food into different shapes.
The food _____ special machines.