

# 10 Things that changed the world

**Grammar:** The passive

**Vocabulary:** Verbs and nouns that go together

**Pronunciation:** Sentence stress

## 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.

## Freeplay – the world's first clockwork radio



The clockwork radio is the only radio that doesn't need batteries or electricity. It (1) is powered (power) by turning the handle for a minute. Nowadays, thousands of these radios (2) are made (make) every day. They (3) are bought (buy) by people in Third World countries where there isn't any electricity.

The clockwork radio (4) was invented (invent) in 1991 by Trevor Bayliss, a British inventor. Trevor had the idea while he was listening to some news on the radio about Africa. It (5) was reported (report) that Africans were dying of AIDS and there was no easy way to send them information about the disease.

But no one would help Trevor develop his idea for a new kind of radio. Finally, in 1993, his invention (6) was shown (show) on a TV program, and afterwards, a South African businessman heard of Trevor's clever idea and contacted him. The first Freeplay radios (7) was built (build) in South Africa in 1995.

Since then, the radios have been a great success. Millions of them (8) have been sold (sell) worldwide, and Trevor (9) has been given (give) many awards, including one from Nelson Mandela.

Trevor has hung a letter on the wall in his house. It (10) was written (write) in 1991 by another engineer, who explained in great detail why he thought Trevor's idea for a clockwork radio couldn't possibly work!

