

## Unit 8

## Grammar

**1 Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.**

- 1 Glass (how / make) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Telegraph. (when / invent) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Salt (how / form) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Penicillin (when / discover) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Gold (what / use for) \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Match the questions from exercise 1 with the correct answers. Then, complete the answers with a verb.**

- a It was \_\_\_\_\_ by Samuel Morse in the 1830s. ☐
- b It is \_\_\_\_\_ by the evaporation of salt water. ☐
- c It is \_\_\_\_\_ for making jewelry, dental fillings and coins. ☐
- d It was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1928. It was the first true antibiotic. ☐
- e It is \_\_\_\_\_ by melting several minerals at a very high temperature. ☐

**3 Write the verbs in the passive or active form. You have to use both the present and past tense.**

Umbrellas (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) as protection, not against rain, but the sun! Nobody knows exactly who (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) them, but they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (use) in very ancient times. The Chinese, for example, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (use) them in the 1100 BC. Then, the use of the umbrella (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (spread) to Egypt and Babylon. By 1680, the umbrella was popular in France and England as protection against the rain. Today, umbrellas haven't changed much in style, but they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) in a variety of sizes and colors. Most of today's umbrellas (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (made) in Songxia in China—it's known as the umbrella capitol of the world and \_\_\_\_\_ (produce) over half a billion umbrellas every year!