

In Step 1 you study

- names of different materials
- present simple passive
- expressing a reaction

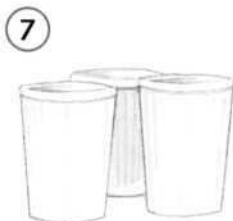
so that you can

- describe what things are made of
- talk about where things are produced

1 Key vocabulary *Materials*

🕒 Match the words with the photos.
You've got two minutes!

silver gold wood cotton
leather glass plastic metal



Listen and check.

2 Presentation *Is it made in England?*

a What can you say about the photo?



b Close your book and listen to the conversation.
How many different things do Ana and Jay look at?

Ana and Jay are at Portobello Road market. It's the largest antiques market in the world. Lots of other things are sold there too.

ANA: I must get some presents for my family. I'm going home next week.

JAY: Yes, I know.

ANA: Clara wants a new watch. These are nice.

MAN: They're only eight quid – a real bargain. They're made in Taiwan.

ANA: Taiwan? They aren't made in England?

MAN: No, love. Everything's imported these days.

ANA: Oh. Well, I'd rather get something English.

JAY: How about this teapot?

ANA: That's nice! How much is it?

JAY: Seventy pounds! That's expensive!

MAN: Don't listen to him, love. It's made of real silver. Look! It's written on the bottom.

JAY: Oh, yes.


ANA: Hey, look! I like these little London buses, Jay.

MAN: A perfect souvenir of England! They're four ninety-nine each.

ANA: Are they made in England?

MAN: I don't think so. Let's see. No, they're made in China.

But listen, I'll give you three for ten quid. How about that?

c  Listen again and follow in your book. Are these sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Only antiques are sold at Portobello Road.
- 2 Ana wants to buy some souvenirs for her family.
- 3 The watches are made in London.
- 4 The man sells things from a lot of different countries.
- 5 Jay thinks the teapot is a bargain.
- 6 The teapot is expensive because it's made of silver.
- 7 Ana might buy some little London buses.
- 8 She isn't sure because they aren't made in England.
- 9 The man offers Ana a special price.

3 Key grammar *Present simple passive*

Complete the examples and the explanation with the right form of *be*.

This teapot **is made** of silver.
It **isn't made** of gold.
Things from all over the world **sold**
at Portobello Road.
The watches **made** in England.
They're from Taiwan.

We form the present simple passive with subject + is,,, aren't + past participle (made, sold).

*We use the passive when we don't know or aren't interested in who does the action.
The watches are made in Taiwan.
We don't know who makes the watches.*



4 Practice

- a** Look again at the pictures in Exercise 1. Ask and answer questions like these.
- A: What's the necklace made of?
B: It's made of silver.
- b** **What about you?** Describe your things, and things in the classroom. What are they made of?

Our desks are made of plastic and metal.



c Complete the sentences using *is, isn't, are, aren't* + one of these past participles.

spoken killed stolen not used
born not found

- 1 *Thousands of mobile phones are stolen every year in the UK.*
- 1 Thousands of mobile phones / every year in the UK
- 2 The swimming pool in Central Park / in the winter
- 3 About 350,000 babies / every day
- 4 Penguins / in the Arctic
- 5 In Sri Lanka, two people / by poisonous snakes every day
- 6 English / by about 1.5 billion people

5 Key expressions *Expressing a reaction*

Work with a friend. Read sentences 1–5. Your friend chooses a reaction from a–e.

- 1 Someone has stolen my new bike.
 - 2 My brother has just won the lottery.
 - 3 Your blood travels 168 million miles every day.
 - 4 These trainers were only \$10.
 - 5 Hundreds of tons of food are wasted every day.
- a That's fantastic!
b That's cheap!
c That's terrible!
d That's crazy!
e That's amazing!

6 Speaking and writing *Around the world*

Use what you know

Work in groups. Look at the nouns and the past participles. How many true sentences can you make using the present simple passive?

*Olives are grown in Greece.
Our rice is imported from China.*

cars coffee stereos olives rice
motorbikes tea oranges grapes
aeroplanes racing cars

grown in imported from made in built in