

I can use passive forms to talk about trade and processes

1 In pairs, discuss the questions.

- Who usually does the shopping in your family?
- What food products do you and your family usually buy?
- Which of the things in the box are important when you buy these kinds of products?

the quality how it is produced  
where it is produced a fair price

2 Read the text about Fairtrade. Why is it good for farmers, consumers and the environment?



Many of the products we buy in supermarkets are grown by farmers in developing countries. But often farmers aren't paid enough to make a living.

So the idea of 'fair trade' has been around for many years. When you see the FAIRTRADE Mark on a product, you know that the farmers have been paid a fair price for their crops. You also know that they have been given extra money – the Fairtrade premium. This can be used by farmers to develop their businesses, invest in their communities or protect the environment.

In 1997, many organisations from different countries came together and one international Fairtrade organisation was formed. So far, the lives of approximately seven million people in developing countries have been improved by Fairtrade.

The Passive: be + Past Participle

You use passive forms when it isn't important (or you don't know) who performed the action. Passive verbs have the same tenses as active verbs.

+	Fairtrade products <b>are grown</b> in developing countries.
-	Fairtrade products <b>aren't grown</b> in developed countries.
?	Where <b>are</b> Fairtrade products <b>grown</b> ?

## GRAMMAR FOCUS

3 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Then find all the passive verb forms in the text in Exercise 2.

4 Look at Exercise 2 again. Which passive forms in blue in the text complete the examples in the table correctly?

Present Simple

Active

People **don't pay** farmers enough.

Passive

Farmers **aren't paid** enough.

Past Simple

Active

In 1997, somebody **formed** one international Fairtrade organisation.

Passive

In 1997, one international Fairtrade organisation **was formed**.

Present Perfect

Active

Fairtrade **has improved** the lives of approximately seven million people in developing countries.

Passive

The lives of approximately seven million people in developing countries **have been improved** by Fairtrade.

5 Which verb forms complete the text correctly?

*Chocolate & Fairtrade*

Last year more than one billion kilos of chocolate **was eaten** around the world. Chocolate **is made** from the cacao plant. However, many cacao farmers **don't earn** / **aren't earned** enough money and **can't afford** / **can't be afforded** food, medicine or clean water. In Africa, a typical cacao grower **pays** / **is paid** less than a dollar a day. Now Fairtrade is helping farmers to get fair prices. Farming organisations **have set up** / **have been set up** in African countries and the extra money **invests** / **is invested** in projects such as drinking water.

6 In your notebook, write passive sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple, the Past Simple or the Present Perfect.

- My house **is** (build) fifty years ago.
- My name **is** (not pronounce) the same in English.
- My shoes **are** (make) in Italy.
- My school **is** (open) in the 1990s.
- Is** (never/stop) by the police.
- Fairtrade products **are** (not sell) in my country.

7 In your notebook, write the sentences in Exercise 6 to make them true for you. Then make questions and ask your partner.

1 Was your house built more than fifty years ago?