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B. Read again and answer the questions.

1. Where does a band usually start playing?
2. What do you have to send to all the record companies if you want to become a star?
3. Who listens to demo tapes?
4. What might a new band have to change before they record their first album?
5. Who are sometimes asked to star in films?

3 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

talent producer record contract fans tour award video

1. My favourite singer went on a world _____ last year and I went to one of her concerts.
2. My music teacher said I've got a lot of _____ and I should study to be a musician.
3. My brother wants to start a band and _____ a CD.
4. Hilary Swank won an Academy _____ for the film *Million Dollar Baby*.
5. When I bought my house, I signed a(n) _____.
6. A music _____ listened to my demo but he didn't like it.
7. Thousands of _____ visited the famous pop star in the hospital.
8. Look! Christina Aguilera's new music _____ is on TV. Let's watch it.

4 Grammar

Present Simple Passive

FORMATION	EXAMPLES
I am	The songs are recorded in the studio.
He/She/It is called	Is the underground used by a lot of people every day?
We/You/They are	Chinese isn't spoken all over the world.

Complete the blanks with the Present Simple Passive of the verbs in brackets.

1. Lots of demo tapes _____ (send) to record companies every day.
2. A lot of animals _____ (kill) by hunters every year.
3. My sister _____ (not call) Jane. Her name is Liz.
4. _____ rice _____ (grow) in water?

5 Listen



Listen to an interview with a pop star called Brenda B and write T for True or F for False.

1. Brenda B gave a concert yesterday.
2. Brenda B's first album is called *All about me*.
3. The songs are usually written by Brenda B.
4. The e-mails she gets are not answered by a secretary.
5. Brenda B thinks her job is very easy.

1 Vocabulary

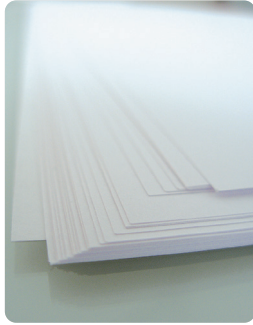


Listen and repeat. Then, find things in the classroom that are made of the materials below.

The desk is made of wood and plastic.



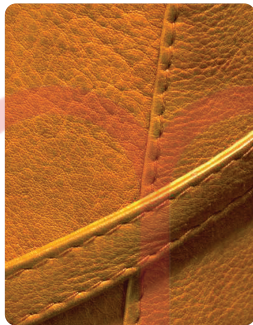
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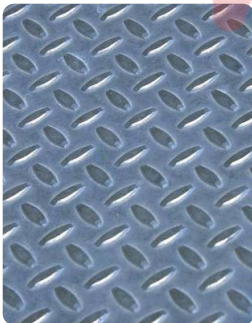
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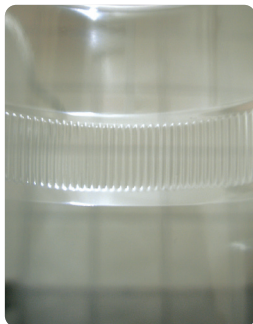
▶ steel



▶ ice



▶ glass



▶ plastic

2 Read



A. Listen and read. Which of the following topics are mentioned in the text? Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) in the boxes.

1. When the first roller coaster in the USA was made.
2. What roller coasters are made of.
3. How high roller coasters are.
4. How fast roller coasters go.
5. Where the longest roller coaster is.
6. How many roller coasters there are in Disneyland.

Millions of people all over the world visit theme parks to ride the star attraction:

the Roller Coaster

The feeling you get while travelling upside-down at very high speeds is very exciting for everyone. But when did it all start?

The first roller coasters appeared in Europe in the 1700s. People rode down icy hills in cars which were made of wood and ice. They were simple but very popular.

The first roller coaster in the USA appeared in the 19th century. It was called the *Mauch Chunk Railway*, but it wasn't designed to be a ride. It was actually a transportation system for a coal mine. One day someone decided it would be fun to sit in a mine car and ride down the track. It was quite slow and took a long time but passengers had a nice view of the countryside. It became very popular and soon people were paying \$1 for a ride.

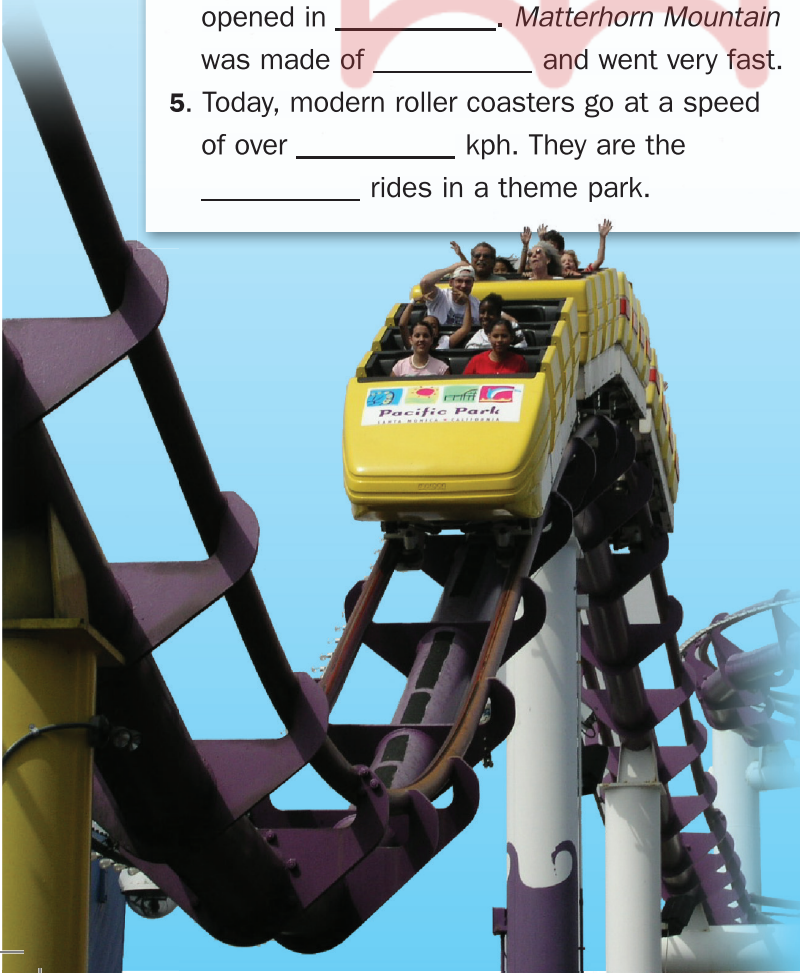
Many roller coasters were built during the beginning of the 20th century in Europe and the USA. They were usually made of wood and went less than 30kph. Later, in 1955, Disneyland opened. It was the first ever theme park and it had a new type of roller coaster. It was called *Matterhorn Mountain* and was made of steel. The ride went up, down and through a fake mountain. It was fast and very popular with people looking for thrills and excitement. From then on, people just wanted to go faster and higher.

Today, roller coasters have no limits. Riders can go upside down through double loops and travel over 100kph. On some rides you're standing up, on others you're hanging. Roller coasters may seem scary and dangerous, but they are actually the safest rides in a theme park.



B. Read again and complete the sentences.

1. The cars of the European roller coaster were made of _____ and _____ and went down a _____.
2. The _____ cars were used to carry coal down the mountain. When they were used as a roller coaster, people had to pay _____.
3. At the beginning of the 20th century, the wooden roller coasters went no more than _____ kph.
4. Disneyland was the first _____ and opened in _____. *Matterhorn Mountain* was made of _____ and went very fast.
5. Today, modern roller coasters go at a speed of over _____ kph. They are the _____ rides in a theme park.



3 Pronunciation 

Read the words below and underline the silent letters. Then, listen and check your answers.

answer muscle
 design talk cheetah could
 knee match weight

4 Grammar

Past Simple Passive

FORMATION	EXAMPLES
I/He/She/It was given We/You/They were	▶ <i>This museum was built in 1965.</i> ▶ <i>Was this text written by you?</i> ▶ <i>This picture wasn't taken in Spain</i>

Complete with the Past Simple Passive of the verbs in brackets.

1. Last year I bought a kite which _____ (make) of paper. This year I'm buying a plastic one.
2. The trees in the garden _____ (plant) by my grandfather.
3. I'm sorry but the last pair of sandals _____ (sell) to a young woman yesterday afternoon.
4. James and Maria _____ (sting) by some bees last Saturday.
5. Betty _____ (not invite) to Jack's party and she was really upset.

5 Speak

Talk in pairs. Go to page 120.

1 Read



A. Below is a film review. Did the writer like the film? Listen, read and find out.

FILM REVIEW

BATMAN BEGINS

Batman Begins is an adventure film which was directed by Chris Nolan. Christian Bale is the leading actor. He plays millionaire Bruce Wayne who becomes Batman.



The film is set in Gotham City. As a young boy, Bruce sees a criminal murdering his parents. Years later, Bruce starts travelling to forget about everything. However, he's still thinking about getting revenge. When he visits Asia, he learns to fight like a ninja. Then, he returns to Gotham City and decides to fight crime with the help of a police officer (Gary Oldman), a friend (Katie Holmes), his butler (Michael Caine) and an inventor (Morgan Freeman). However, Bruce wants to use a disguise. So, he decides to wear a black batsuit. Why a batsuit? How was the batmobile created? Well, watch the film to get the answers to these questions.

In my opinion, the film is brilliant. The plot is very interesting because it explains how Batman started. The film is full of action and the special effects are realistic. Christian Bale is fantastic! The costumes and the soundtrack are amazing. The ending was good and I can't wait to see the next Batman film. I recommend it to all Batman fans.

B. Read again and answer the questions.

1. What kind of film is *Batman Begins*?
2. Who is the director?
3. Where does the story take place?
4. How did Bruce's parents die?
5. What did Bruce do in Asia?
6. What did Bruce decide to do when he got back to Gotham City?
7. What does the writer think of the special effects?
8. What does the writer think of the soundtrack?

C. Read again and find words in the film review that mean the same as:

1. the story of the film: _____
2. the last part of the film: _____
3. the clothes the actors wear: _____
4. a piece of action in a film created by technology and special equipment: _____
5. the music of the film: _____
6. the main actor in the film: _____
7. very good: _____

2 Listen



A. Listen to three different people talking about films they have seen. Choose which kind of film (a-d) each speaker is talking about. There's one extra film you do not need to use.

Speaker 1

a. a comedy

Speaker 2

b. a romantic film

Speaker 3

c. a science-fiction film

d. a horror film

B. Now listen again and match the speakers with the sentences a-d. There's one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Speaker 1

a. I didn't watch the ending.

Speaker 2

b. The actors were great.

Speaker 3

c. I really liked the film.

d. I only liked the music.