

## The simple present passive

### A Complete the conversations. Use the simple present active or passive form of the verbs given.

1. A What \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) during Carnival in Latin America?  
B Lots of people \_\_\_\_\_ costumes.
2. A What \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese children \_\_\_\_\_ (give) by their parents on New Year's?  
B They \_\_\_\_\_ red envelopes filled with money.
3. A What's the most popular sport that \_\_\_\_\_ (play) by men and women?  
B Well, soccer \_\_\_\_\_ by both men and women. So I guess it's soccer.
4. A What \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) on Thanksgiving in the United States?  
B Most people \_\_\_\_\_ turkey.
5. A In Korea, \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Day \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) in May or in June?  
B It \_\_\_\_\_ in May.
6. A What kinds of things \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) during the holidays in the U.S.?  
B It depends on the holiday. Like on the Fourth of July, people \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks and stuff.
7. A What kinds of events \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) during the traditional festivals in Japan?  
B Well, people \_\_\_\_\_ (play), and lanterns \_\_\_\_\_ (put) in front of the houses.  
It's really pretty.

## Verb + *-ing* and *to* + verb; position of *not*

### A Write the sentences about texting etiquette another way. Use verb + *-ing* or *to* + verb.

1. Texting during class is not acceptable. It's not acceptable to text during class.
2. It's impolite to text friends when you're having dinner with someone. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Texting too many times in a day can offend people. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Not responding to a text message immediately is acceptable. \_\_\_\_\_
5. It's appropriate to read text messages during a business meeting. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Letting your text messages beep during a meeting is not acceptable. \_\_\_\_\_
7. It's OK not to spell words out in full in emails. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Sending a lot of texts to someone is bad manners. \_\_\_\_\_

*be supposed to; was / were going to*

**A** Rewrite the sentences with the correct form of *be supposed to* or *was / were going to*.

1. I expected my friend to arrive at 7:00 tonight, but he didn't show up until 9:00.

My friend was supposed to arrive at 7:00, but he didn't show up until 9:00. \_\_\_\_\_

2. You should bring a small gift when you go to a friend's house for dinner.

3. I heard there'll be a storm this weekend.

4. I wanted to send out invitations to my birthday party, but I didn't have time.

5. My sister planned to have a party this weekend, but then she decided not to.

6. I'm planning to go to a concert tonight. My friends say it's going to be fun.

Inseparable phrasal verbs

**A** Rewrite the underlined parts of the sentences using an expression in the box.

get along with

get away with

get over

get through to

get around to

✓ get out of

get through

look forward to

*get out of them*

1. I find work parties boring. I usually try to avoid them.

2. It takes me ages to find time to return friends' calls. I'm surprised I have any friends.

3. If a friend tells me a lie, I never stop being upset by it. I never trust that person again.

4. I'm not good at buying gifts for people, so I usually try to avoid criticism and buy gift cards.

5. It annoys me when friends can't make it to the end of dinner without looking at their phones.

6. My dad wants a big party for my twenty-first birthday. I hate parties, but he won't listen, and I can't make him understand.

7. My friends are all pretty easygoing. I have a great relationship with them all.

8. I like to spend Friday evenings all by myself. I can't wait for them.