

## Grammar: Active and passive

6 Compare the sentences in group A with group B. Then answer the questions.

### Active and passive

A	B
Diners <b>are entertained</b> by a historical show.	The waiters and waitresses <b>entertain</b> everyone.
Meals <b>are ordered</b> with a touch-screen computer.	We <b>order</b> the food with this computer.
Steel pipes <b>are used</b> to deliver the food.	<b>Use</b> your fingers to eat your food.
Themed merchandise <b>is sold</b> in the stores.	They <b>sell</b> organic beef here.

- Which sentences (A or B) are more formal?
- Which sentences (A or B) are passive?
- Are passives more common in written or spoken English?
- Do we use the passive when we are more interested in ...
  - what someone or something does?
  - what happens to something or someone?

>> For more information on the passive, see page 171.

7 Complete a description of another restaurant. Use an active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Dinner in the Sky is a restaurant where 22 guests can enjoy a meal 50 metres in the air. The seats

1 \_\_\_\_\_ (attach) to the dining table and they all

2 \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a seat belt.

When guests arrive, their seat belts 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (fasten) and then the table

4 \_\_\_\_\_ (lift) into the air

by a large crane\*. The food

5 \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) before the event and it 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (take)

up with the guests. The chef and waiters 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (serve) the meal from a platform in the middle of the table.

It 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (sound) frightening, but most guests 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) after a while and start to enjoy the experience. Their seats can turn 180 degrees so they 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a great view.

The restaurant 11 \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a roof so the guests 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (protect) from rain, but it sometimes 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (get) windy. The other problem is that there are no toilet facilities in the air so guests 14 \_\_\_\_\_ (advise) to use the bathroom first.

The restaurant is the invention of David Ghysels. He 15 \_\_\_\_\_ (base) in Belgium, but he 16 \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the restaurant all over the world.

*crane*: a tall machine used by builders for lifting heavy things



## Word focus: Restaurants

8 Underline the word that is different in these lists. Why is it different?

- knife, fork, napkin, spoon
- onions, eggs, cauliflower, broccoli
- dessert, meal, starter, main course,
- meat, lamb, beef, pork
- bill, receipt, menu, tip
- waiter, cooker, chef, waitress

## Speaking: A themed restaurant

9 Work in pairs or groups. You are going to open a themed restaurant together. Decide on these things.

- Location and target market
  - Where will you open your restaurant?
  - Who will your customers be?

2 Entertainment

What will the theme be? For example, the Wild West, the circus, the seaside, snow and ice, the Space Age, or something else (what?).

10 Now plan your restaurant. Decide on these things.

- the décor
- the food and menu
- what waiters and waitresses will wear and do
- themed merchandise you can sell
- other entertainments (what?)

11 Congratulations! Your restaurants are now open for business. Take turns to tell the class about them. Answer these questions.

- Where is the restaurant located and who are its customers?
- What is the theme of the restaurant?
- How is the restaurant decorated?
- What kind of food is served?
- What costumes are worn by the waiters and waitresses?
- What merchandise is sold?
- Are there any other entertainments?

### TALKING POINT

Describe an experience you had eating out at a restaurant. Would you recommend the restaurant to other people? Why?/Why not?