Exercise 2   Fill in the gaps in the following sentences using the appropriate form of the verb in brackets.

1 The part of the processor which controls data transfers between the various input and output devices _____ (call) the control unit.

2 The address bus _____ (use) to send address details between the memory and the address register.

3 The pixel positions _____ (pass on) to the computer's pattern recognition software.

4 An operating system _____ (store) on disk.

5 Instructions written in a high-level language _____ (transform) into machine code.

6 In the star configuration, all processing and control functions _____ (perform) by the central computer.

7 When a document arrives in the mail room, the envelope _____ (open) by a machine.

8 Once the index _____ (store), a temporary key number _____ (generate) and _____ (write) on the document.

Events

When we write or talk about past events, we use the past passive. Let us look at some examples.

Examples:
1   COBOL **was** first **introduced** in 1959.
2   Microsoft **was founded** on the basis of the development of MS/DOS.
3   The organization **was created** to promote the use of computers in education.

Exercise 3   Fill in the gaps in the following sentences using the appropriate form of the verb in brackets.

1 Microsoft _____ (found) by Bill Gates.

2 C language _____ (develop) in the 1970s.

3 During that period, enormous advances _____ (make) in computer technology.

4 The following year, twice as many PCs _____ (sell).

5 In the 1980s, at least 100,000 LANs   (set up) in laboratories and offices around the world.

6 The first digital computer   (build) by the University of Pennsylvania in1946.

7 Last year, more software companies   (launch) than ever before.

8 IBM's decision not to continue manufacturing mainframes   (reverse) the year after it   (take).