4 The modern mobile world

Put in the correct active or passive form of the verbs.

Alexander Graham Bell (invent) **invented** the telephone in 1876. In the 1880s the radio (invent) **was invented** and radio messages (can / send) **could be sent** over the air. About 70 years later these two technologies (combine) **were combined** and the result was the mobile phone. The first mobile phones of the 1970s were too large to (carry) **be carried** in your pocket. They (use) **were used** in cars. When the mobiles got smaller and weren’t as heavy, they (become) **became** more popular.

Today they (be) **are** very popular, almost everybody (have) **has** one, sometimes more than one. In lots of countries, including the UK, there are more mobiles than people! Kids and young people (love / send) **love to send / sending** text messages.

Camera phones (be) **have been** available for several years now and the most modern mobiles have internet browsers, MP3 players, e-mail and radio or video call. They (can / use) **can be used** as modems for a PC. Touch screen mobiles and mobiles that let you watch TV (expect) **are expected** to become big hits soon. Now the big question is: what (do) **will be done** next in the mobile world?