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Complete the following passage with the appropriate passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

A new campaign (1) *was launched* (launch) earlier this year by the UK government which aims to reduce the amount of domestic waste. Households (2) _____ (encourage) to recycle certain waste products and to sort and prepare others for collection at specific sites. From there they (3) _____ (take) to special waste treatment plants where special machinery will process them for reuse as recycled material.

In Britain today, when the contents of the average household dustbin (4) _____ (analyse), we find that, in terms of weight, 35% of the total (5) _____ (compose) of paper and cardboard, 22% of kitchen waste, 12% of plastics with glass, dust and ashes each representing a further 10%. There are in fact only a few items of domestic waste that cannot (6) _____ (recycle). One common example is disposable nappies which, as their name suggests, (7) _____ (design) to be thrown away after use. However, a lot of progress could (8) _____ (make) to reduce the amount of kitchen waste most of which can (9) _____ (transform) into a useful garden fertiliser. Indeed, if more people chose to do this then the weight of the average dustbin (10) _____ (reduce) quite significantly.

In terms of glass products, the situation is more encouraging as nearly 20% of all the glass that (11) _____ (use) every year in the country (12) _____ (take) back for recycling.

Nonetheless, it is clear that the mountains of domestic waste will only decrease if efforts (13) _____ (make) both by individual households and local government authorities. Special equipment such as collection trucks must (14) _____ (purchase) and people must (15) _____ (make) aware of how they can contribute to improving the situation. This (16) _____ (achieve) with increasing success in a number of regions in Europe during the last few years, a trend that (17) _____ (expect) to continue in the future.