

Passive voice

1. Read these facts and write the **passive voice** examples you see.

The Great Pyramids of Giza (facts)



- They are located on the west of the Nile River, on modern-day Cairo.
- There are three pyramids at Giza.
- The oldest and largest was built for Pharaoh Khufu (Cheops, in Greek). And it was over 140 meters when it was built.
- It was made from over (mas de) two million blocks of rock and clay. The blocks were moved by thousands of workers. The archaeologists think that there were about 20,000 workers.



- It took 23 years to build this pyramid.
- The sides of the pyramid's base are about 230 meters, it is the largest pyramid in the world..
- The Great Sphinx was built for Khufu's son Pharaoh Khafre (from 2558 to 2532 B.C).
- Some objects may be smashed when they are found, so, they need restoring.
- Others are broken and they need to be pasted and painted.
- All of them are so valuable that can be stolen (robado) or broken so they need to be protected.



- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

2. Complete the article about the London Eye with the verbs in brackets in either the active or passive form.



The London Eye is one of the most popular attractions in London, and it (0) is visited (visit) by people from all over the UK and the world. It 1 _____ (design) by David Marks and Julia Barfield for a competition which (2) _____ (organise) by a British newspaper in 1994. The newspaper (3) _____ (want) a new London building to celebrate the year 2000. The Eye is 135 meters tall and it is the largest observation wheel in the world. Up to 800 people (4) _____ (can carry) on it at the same time. Marks and Barfield (5) _____ (design) and (6) _____ (build) the Eye in less than 16 months. More than 1,700 people (7) _____ (work) on building the Eye and much of it (8) _____ (build) in other parts of the world. The wheel (9) _____ (develop) in Netherlands. Experts in the Czech Republic and Italy (10) _____ (make) some of the metal parts. The capsules which the people sit in (11) _____ (elaborate) in the French Alps and the glass (12) _____ (produce) in Italy. You (13) _____ (must visit) the Eye when you go to London.

3. Complete the questions in active or passive voice and find the answers in the previous reading.

a) Who/ design the London Eye?

Who designed the London Eye? It was designed by David Marks and Julia Barfield

b) When / competition/ organise?

c) How many/ carry?

d) Where/ wheel/ develop?

e) Where/ capsules/ make?

f) Who/ produce/ glass?
