The Passive Voice

past simple tense

Example:

The house was built in 1980.



Form: was / were + past participle

part of the verb 'to be' + past participle

1. Complete the Christmas facts with suitable verbs from the boxes in Past Simple Passive.

bring-brought	decorate	keep-kept	light-lit
	put-put	~~select~~	pour

1. A huge log (полено) *was selected* in the forest on Christmas Eve. It _____ with ribbons and _____ at home. At home wine _____ over the log to make it feel welcome. Then it _____ on fire and _____. The Yule Log _____ burning throughout the 12 days of Christmas.

fill	share	visit

2. The Twelve Days of Christmas in England _____ with merrymaking, dancing and enjoying food. Neighbours _____ and traditional minced pies and other Christmas foods _____.

arrest	ban	find

3. In 1647 Christmas _____ in England. People were in serious trouble if they _____ making Christmas pies or putting up Christmas decorations. They _____ as an example to others.

2. Use Past Simple, Active (Ved/V2) or Passive, to complete the facts about Christmas decorations.

1. Long ago, people *used* (use) the greenery: holy, ivy and mistletoe to decorate their houses for Christmas. The decorations _____ (put) up only on Christmas Eve, not before, and _____ (keep) up until February 2nd. In the Victorian times people _____ (take) Christmas decorations down on Twelfth Night and _____ (burn) them.
2. In 1841 Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, _____ (bring) a Christmas tree over from Germany and _____ (put) it in Windsor Castle. The Royal Family _____ (illustrate) in the newspaper standing around the Christmas tree and it _____ (become) fashionable to decorate a tree.

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