2 Read the test. Circle the correct answers.

The very first computers [1] **invented** / **were invented** about 2500 years ago. Simple machines called abacuses [2] **made** / **were made** by the ancient Egyptians. These machines [3] **used** / **were used** for thousands of years. A computer [4] **invented** / **was invented** nearly 500 years ago by Blaize Pascal but it only [5] **added** / **was added** numbers. Alan Turing [6] **made** / **was made** a different machine 80 years ago. It [7] **did** / **was done** more than any person could do. Then about thirty years ago, the first personal computers [8] **sold** / **were sold**. Now, of course, they [9] **were bought** / **are bought** all over the world.

3 Write the words in the correct order. Use the past simple passive.

1 the wheel / 6000 years ago / invented / was
The wheel was invented 6000 years ago.

2 sailing boats / by / were / the ancient Egyptians / made

3 were / by the Romans / thousands of roads / built

4 were / carried / important Romans / on chairs

5 the first / was / train station / 200 years ago / opened

6 the first bicycles / made / were / in France

7 sold / the first cars / in Germany / were

8 the Eiffel Tower / was / in 1889 / built

9 was / this song / sung / a famous singer / by

10 in Oxford in England / that dictionary / was / written

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