

examples

PRESENT & PAST SIMPLE PASSIVE

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PASSIVE FORM



ACTIVE

They **take** the photos

PRESENT SIMPLE

The photos **are** taken

They **took** the photos

PAST SIMPLE

The photos **were** taken

PASSIVE QUESTIONS



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- 3 Change these sentences into the passive. Only include *by* + noun if this is important.

1 People in the US invented the Internet.

The Internet was invented in the US.

2 Da Vinci didn't build the world's first plane.

3 My friend Jack won the science fair.

4 They didn't tell the students about the exams.

5 My dad designed our house.

- 4 Make questions in the Past simple passive. Then ask and answer.

1 your favorite photos / take / on a cell phone?

Were your favorite photos taken on a cell phone?

2 your favorite book / write / a long time ago?

3 your favorite movies / make / in your country?

4 your class / give / a lot of homework last week?