PASSIVE VOICE (SIMPLE PAST)

SUBJECT (I – YOU – HE – SHE – IT – WE – THEY)	BE (WAS - WERE) (WASN'T – WEREN'T)	PAST PARTICIPLE VERB

Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences.

1 The Pyramids _____ (build) thousands of years ago.

2 The bulb _____ (invent) by Thomas Edison.

3 Pluto _____ (discover) by Clyde Tombaught in 1930.

4 Paper money _____ first _____ by the Chinese over a thousand years ago.

5 The first Iphone _____ (introduce) by Steve Jobs.

6 The first TV _____ (watch) in the 1920s.

7 The first McDonald's hamburger _____ (make) in 1955.

Rewrite the sentences using the past passive without by.

a They postponed the match.

The match was postponed.

b They built this house a hundred years ago.

_____

c Did anyone answer your e-mail?

_____

d Someone found this wallet in the street.

_____

e A teacher wrote this workbook last year.

_____

f They included VAT in the bill.

_____

g They were building the metro when we were there.

_____

h Someone was locking the doors when we arrived.

_____

i He gave me a test.

_____

Answer the questions using the passive form of the verbs below and by.

invent	replace	form	write	own	heat	write	manufacture

a Who was the inventor of the light bulb?

The light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison.

b Which currency replaced the peseta, the franc, and the lira in 2002?

_____

c How many countries form the United Kingdom?

_____

d Who is the author of this book?

_____

e Who is the owner of this book?

_____

f What type of heating have you got in your school - oil, gas, or electric?

_____

g Who was the author of Hamlet?

_____

h Which company was the manufacturer of the first PC?

_____

Write sentences: Use these date to the historical events:

1939	1919	1963	1961	1912	1981	1953	1941	~~1990~~

a Nelson Mandela / free *Nelson Mandela was freed in 1990.*

b Kennedy / assassinate _____

C Everest / first / climb _____

d The Titanic / sink / iceberg _____

e Second World War / declare _____

f Atlantic / first / cross / plane _____

g Pearl Harbour / attack _____

h A man / launch / into space for the first time _____

i The first IBM 'PC' / sellr _____