

Exercises on the past simple passive.

1) Fill in the blanks with the past participle forms of these verbs:-

Irregular Past Participle

Verb	Past	P-P	Verb	Past	P-P
begin	began	begun	ride	rode	
break	broke		make	made	
build	built		see	saw	
catch	caught		send	sent	
choose	chose		speak	spoke	
eat	ate		steal	stole	
find	found		tell	told	
grow	grew		win	won	
bring	brought		write	wrote	

2) Fill in the blanks with the correct past passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

- The English word 'discover' _____ (take) from French.
- The Eiffel Tower in Paris _____ (build) in 1889.
- The city of Ubar _____ (destroy) more than 2,000 years ago.
- Pizza _____ first _____ (eat) in Italy.
- Cotton _____ probably first _____ (grow) in India.
- That novel _____ (write) by Charles Dickens.
- Edvard Munch's painting 'Scream' _____ (steal) from a museum in 2004.
- The 2009 Gulf Cup _____ (win) by Oman's national team.

3) Correct the mistake in each sentence below. The first one has been done for you.

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| 1-That book was given me by my friend. | That book was given to me by my friend. |
| 2-Those shoes was made in Italy. | _____. |
| 3-The thief was caught the police. | _____. |
| 4-The potato was first growed in South America. | _____. |
| 5-I was studied that last year. | _____. |
| 6-It were happened yesterday. | _____. |

4-Read the paragraph below about the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Fill in the gaps using past passive:-

build – make – finish - stop - finish – climb - close - remove - make – open - remove

The Leaning Tower of Pisa _____ in the city of Pisa, Italy. It _____ of heavy stone and built on soft ground. It started to lean when the first floor _____. After that, work on the Tower _____ for almost a century. The Tower _____ in 1350 CE after almost 180 years. It has been very good for Pisa's tourism industry. In 1989, it _____ by more than 700,000 people. In 1990, the Tower _____ to the public because it was not safe. Earth _____ from underneath the Tower and the building _____ more stable. It _____ again in 2001. Later, more earth _____. Finally, in 2008, engineers said that the Tower had stopped moving.

5-Complete the paragraph below about the Taj Mahal, using the past passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal _____ (build) in Agra, India between 1631 and 1648 CE. It _____ (2) (design) by the architect Ustad Ahmad Lahauri for the emperor Shah Jahan. It _____ (build) as a beautiful place to bury his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal. More than 20,000 workers and 1000 elephants _____ (use) to build the Taj Mahal. The workers _____ (bring) from all over India. The gardens _____ (complete) five years after the main building. When he died in 1666, Shah Jahan _____ (bury) in the Taj Mahal next to his wife. The Taj Mahal _____ (name) a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. In 2003, it _____ (visit) by more than 3,000,000 people.