

simple past passive *I was stopped by a policeman.*

+	I was woken	you were woken	he/she/it was woken etc
?	was I woken?	were you woken?	was he/she/it woken? etc
-	I was not woken	you were not woken	he/she/it was not woken etc
For contractions (wasn't etc), see page 301.			

We use the **simple past passive** like the simple past active, for **complete finished actions and events** (see page 47).

This table **was made** by my grandfather. **Was** the letter **signed**? We **weren't met** at the door.

1 Complete the sentences with **was/were**.

- The fire seen in Renton, a kilometre away.
- Most of the matches won by Indian teams.
- These keys found in the changing room yesterday – are they yours?
- We couldn't find the station, but we helped by a very kind woman.
- I stopped by a policeman in Green Road this morning.
- Yesterday a man caught trying to burn down the Town Hall.

2 Put simple past passive verbs into these sentences.

- Our passports by a tall woman in a uniform. (*take*)
- These books in the classroom on Monday. (*leave*)
- I don't think this room yesterday. (*clean*)
- We at the airport by a driver from the university. (*meet*)
- Nobody what was happening. (*tell*)
- He away to school when he was twelve. (*send*)

3 Make simple past passive negatives and questions.

- 'We **weren't paid** when we finished the work.' (*not pay*)
 'When **were you paid?**' 'Two months later.'
- 'My father in England.' (*not educate*)
 'Where 'In Germany.'
 - 'The letters on Tuesday.' (*not post*)
 'When 'On Thursday.'
 - 'This in butter.' (*not cook*)
 'How 'In margarine.'
 - 'My suit in England.' (*not make*)
 'Where 'In Hong Kong.'
 - 'The restaurant bill in cash.' (*not pay*)
 'How 'With a credit card.'

We use a past passive structure – **to be born** – to give somebody's date or place of birth.

I was born in 1964. (NOT I born in 1964. NOT I am born in 1964.) My sisters were born in Egypt.

4 Write a sentence about your date and place of birth.

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