

Passive Voice

Grammar Practice · Did You Know?

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Instructions: Write the verb in parentheses in the correct passive tense. Each sentence contains a surprising fact — pay attention to the tense clue given in brackets.



WRITE THE CORRECT PASSIVE FORM IN EACH BLANK

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Food & Drink

Canned beer _____ in 1935.

first sell · simple past

2

Food & Drink

Coca-Cola contained cocaine when it _____.

first release · simple past

3

Food & Drink

Coca-Cola _____ by John Stith Pemberton in 1886.

invent · simple past

4

Food & Drink

Ice cream _____ in China.

first make · simple past

5

Fashion

More than 2 billion pairs of jeans _____ by Levi's.

produce · present perfect

6

Technology

The modern silvered-glass mirror _____ by German chemist Justus von Liebig.

invent · simple past

7

Brands

Nike _____ after the ancient Greek goddess of victory.

name · simple past

8

Food & Drink

Hamburgers _____ America's favourite food.

consider · modal: can

9

Sport

The first football World Cup _____ in 1930.

hold · simple past

10

Languages

German _____ in Austria.

speak · simple present

11

History

The first underground railway _____ in London.

build · simple past

12

Cars

The original VW Beetle _____ by Ferdinand Porsche.

design · simple past

13

Space

The moon _____ before Mars.

colonise · future: will

14

Medicine

Anaesthesia _____ in 1844.

first use · simple past

TENSE REFERENCE

Simple past: was/were + pp

Simple present: is/are + pp

Present perfect: has/have been + pp

Modal (can): can be + pp

Future (will): will be + pp