

## Present and past simple passive

| be                                     |   | past participle (-ed/3rd column) |             |
|----------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Present simple: <b>am/is/are</b> (not) | + | <b>invented</b>                  | <b>done</b> |
| Past simple: <b>was/were</b> (not)     |   | <b>produced</b>                  | <b>seen</b> |

Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the present simple passive.

- The ice \_\_\_\_\_ into small pieces. (break)
- The floors \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (not/clean)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ to go to every meeting. (not/expect)
- Martin \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of homework. (give)
- You \_\_\_\_\_ downstairs. (need)
- The information \_\_\_\_\_ forever. (not keep)
- All the exam results \_\_\_\_\_ by the head teacher. (see)
- The best ice cream \_\_\_\_\_ in Italy. (make)
- Omelettes \_\_\_\_\_ with eggs. (make)
- \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ to the party on Sunday? (invite)
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ your room \_\_\_\_\_ ? (clean)
- English and maths \_\_\_\_\_ in all schools. (study)
- Smart phones \_\_\_\_\_ to access the internet. (use)
- \_\_\_\_\_ pandas \_\_\_\_\_ in zoos? (keep)
- English \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries. (speak)
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic Games \_\_\_\_\_ ?(hold)
- How \_\_\_\_\_ your name \_\_\_\_\_ ? (spell)



Correct the bold words. Add an extra word if you need to.

- Your products **sold** online
- Everything is **testing** at the factory.
- It is** produced in Korea?
- The match is **showed** on a big screen.
- Normally, letters **deliver** on time.
- Where is Spanish **spoke**?
- We **isn't** pleased with the result.
- Service is **include** in the price.
- The bins **emptied** twice a week.
- I'm often **woke** up early.

Complete the text with the correct verbs in the present simple passive.

throw sort wash crush take melt make



How is glass recycled?

Bottles and other glass items \_\_\_\_\_ into recycling bins. The items \_\_\_\_\_ from the recycling bin to a glass treatment plant. They \_\_\_\_\_ by colour- green, white and brown. They \_\_\_\_\_ so that the glass is completely clean. The glass \_\_\_\_\_ into small pieces. It \_\_\_\_\_ at a high temperature. Then it \_\_\_\_\_ into new bottles and jars.

**Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the past simple passive.**

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. My shoes-very                | quickly. (repair)                      |
| 2. The ice cream                | in the freezer. (not keep)             |
| 3. The train                    | for half an hour. (delay)              |
| 4. I worked hard but I          | any money. (not pay)                   |
| 5. The light bulb               | by Thomas Edison. (invent)             |
| 6. The exam                     | by the new teacher. (mark)             |
| 7. The first football World Cup | by Uruguay. (win)                      |
| 8. We                           | to take our mobile phones. (not allow) |
| 9. Salt                         | to the pasta. (not add)                |
| 10. All the toys                | into boxes at the factory. (pack)      |



**Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in the past simple active or passive.**

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Linda and Amy   | to leave by the teacher.(ask) |
| 2. That tower      | 300 years ago. (first/build)  |
| 3. We              | by the police. (not/stop)     |
| 4. I               | anything about it. (not/tell) |
| 5. Ted             | 20 minutes ago. (arrive)      |
| 6. The bag         | behind the tree. (hide)       |
| 7. These tables    | here. (not/make)              |
| 8. All the letters | a week ago. (post)            |
| 9. It              | yesterday. (not/deliver )     |
| 10. Computers      | 200 years ago. (not/exist)    |

**Complete the sentences with passive forms (present and past simple) of the verbs in brackets.**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. The Olympics         | by billions of people today. (watch)   |
| 2. Nowadays the work    | by computers. (do)                     |
| 3. Now, prizes          | every week, (give)                     |
| 4. The course           | two years ago. (start)                 |
| 5. In Europe, most food | in supermarkets. (buy)                 |
| 6. Latin still          | in schools? (learn)                    |
| 7. Gold in California   | in the 19th century. (discover)        |
| 8. Cars                 | all over the world nowadays. (produce) |
| 9. you                  | any information yesterday? (send)      |
| 10. Radio               | by Marconi. (invent)                   |

**Complete the text with a passive or active form of the verb in brackets.**

Hever Castle is one of the most famous castles in England. It (build) in 1270, and then two hundred years later it (buy) by Geoffrey Boleyn. He (make) the castle bigger and in the 1500s it was the home of Anne Boleyn, who (become) the wife of King Henry VIII but (kill) by him in 1536.

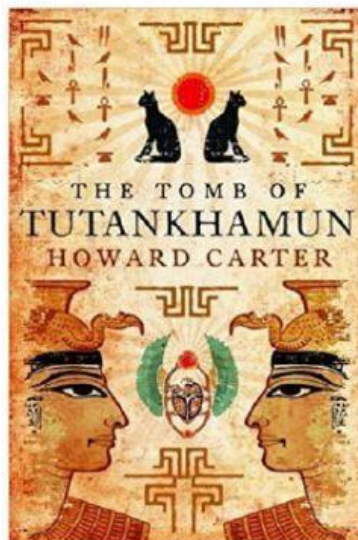
In the 1800s, the castle (not look) after properly and by 1900 it was in a very bad state. In 1903, it (sell) to William Astor, one of the richest men in America. The castle (repair) and the Astor family (live) in it until 1983.

Now, Hever Castle (own) by a big company and (visit) by thousands of tourists every year.



## Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice

1. Someone built this house 200 years ago.
2. They produce cars in this factory.
3. One of the students broke the window.
4. They serve breakfast at eight o'clock every day.
5. They make coffee in Brazil.
6. Someone stole Jim's bike last night.
7. British astronomers discovered a new planet.
8. People eat millions of bars of chocolate every day!
9. Japanese millionaire bought the painting.
10. Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun.
11. Heavy traffic causes a lot of pollution.
12. The police arrested fifteen people.
13. When did someone use the first mobile phone?
14. Do people grow melons in Japan?
15. Did my secretary send that letter?
16. Does she cook the food?



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