

PASSIVE VOICE

1. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple.

- a. English _____ (speak) in many countries.
- b. The post _____ (deliver) at about 7 o'clock every morning.
- c. _____ (the building/use) any more?
- d. How often _____ (the Olympic Games/hold)?
- e. How _____ (your name/spell)?
- f. My salary _____ (pay) every month.
- g. These cars _____ (not make) in Japan.
- h. The name of the people who committed the crime _____ (not know).
- i. His travel expenses _____ (not pay) by his company.

2. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple.

- a. My car _____ (repair) last week.
- b. This song _____ (not write) by John Lennon.
- c. _____ (the phone/answer) by a young girl?
- d. The film _____ (make) ten years ago.
- e. When _____ (tennis/invent)?
- f. The car _____ (not damaged) in the accident.
- g. The original building _____ (pull) down in 1965.
- h. Where _____ (this pot/make)?
- i. When _____ (this bridge/build)?

3. Choose the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

FIAT

Fiat (0) was started (started/was started) by a group of Italian businessmen in 1899.

In 1903, Fiat, (1) (produced/was produced) 132 cars.

Some of these cars (2) (exported/were exported) by the company to the United States and Britain.

In 1920, Fiat (3) (started/was started) making cars at a new factory at Lingotto, near Turin.

There was a track on the roof where the cars (4) (tested/were tested) by technicians.

In 1936, Fiat launched the Fiat 500. This car (5) (called/was called) the Topolino – the Italian name for Mickey Mouse.

The company grew, and in 1963 Fiat (6) (exported/was exported) more than 300,000 vehicles.

Today, Fiat is based in Turin, and its cars (7) (sold/are sold) all over the world.