

EXERCISES

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.

4. Change the following sentences into passive sentences using the words in brackets.

- a. We sell tickets for all shows at the Box Office. (Tickets for all shows/sell/at the Box Office)

- b. Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (The electric light bulb/invent/by Thomas Edison)

- c. Someone painted the office last week. (The office/paint/last week)

- d. Several people saw the accident. (The accident/see/by several people)

- e. Where do they make these video recorders? (Where/these video recorders/make)

5. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

- a. Someone built this house 200 years ago.

- b. A thief stole my purse.

- c. The police will arrest the robbers.

- d. They produce cars in this factory.

- e. They serve breakfast at eight o'clock every day.

- f. People throw away tones of rubbish every day.

- g. They make coffee in Brazil.

- h. Someone stole Jim's bike lat night.

6. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

- a. They will build a new bridge next year.

- b. Brian Brody directed *The Ultimate Space Adventure*.

- c. Pierre Matie will design her costume.

- d. Someone found my wallet.

- e. One of the students broke the window.

- f. They will deliver my computer on Monday.

- g. Mary invited Paul to her birthday party.

- h. British astronomers discovered a new planet.

7. Form the question.

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| a. Paper is made from wood. | <u>Is paper made from wood</u> | ? |
| b. The telephone was invented by Mr Bell. | _____ | ? |
| c. This picture was painted by Peter. | _____ | ? |
| d. The thieves will be arrested by the police. | _____ | ? |
| e. Champagne is made in France. | _____ | ? |
| f. The letters will be sent next week. | _____ | ? |
| g. The animals are fed three times a day. | _____ | ? |
| h. This article was written by Stanley. | _____ | ? |

- i. CDs are made of plastic. _____ ?
- j. The party was organised by Paul. _____ ?

8. Read and complete. Use Past Simple.

- a. The toothbrush / invent / in the 15th century.

- b. The first public basketball game / play / in 1892.

- c. The first eyeglasses / wear / in the 1200s.

- d. The first bicycle / ride in 1791.

- e. The first hot dog / eat / in the 1860s.

- f. The first CDs / sell / in the 1980s.

- g. The first electric guitar / play / in 1923.

- h. The first computer mouse / use / 1964.

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9. Complete with the passive. Use Present Simple.

- a. This programme _____ (watch) by millions of people.
- b. Paper _____ (make) from wood.
- c. Hundreds of people _____ (kill) in accidents every year.
- d. London _____ (visit) by thousands of tourists every year.
- e. The biology class _____ (teach) by Mr Green.
- f. English _____ (speak) all over the world.
- g. Lunch _____ (serve) at twelve o'clock.
- h. Books _____ (write) by authors.

10. Put the verbs in brackets into Past Simple Passive.

Two men _____ (see) breaking into a house in my street last night. The police _____ (call) and they arrived very quickly. One man _____ (catch) immediately. The other escaped, but he _____ (find) very soon. Both men _____ (take) to the police station where they _____ (question) separately by a police officer. The two men _____ (charge) with burglary.

11. Rewrite the following passage in the Passive.

Somebody has stolen a bus from outside the school. Some children saw the thief. The police are searching for the bus now. They will use the children's descriptions to catch the thief.
