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WORKSHEET 1



Past simple passive

This is my dad's first mobile phone.
In the 1980s.



We form the past passive with **was** or **were** + the past participle.

*The team **was chosen** on Thursday.*

*Two windows **were broken** at school last week.*

*The food at the restaurant **wasn't cooked** very well.*

*The drinks **weren't included** in the price.*

***Was** that picture **painted** by Picasso?*

*How many people **were rescued** from the boat?*

We use the past simple passive to talk about actions that finished in the past.

When was it made?



*The Eiffel Tower **was built** in 1889.*

*She **was hurt** in an accident yesterday.*

We can use **by** to say who or what did the action, if necessary.

*The tennis match **was stopped by** rain.*

*I **wasn't taught by** Mrs Spicer.*

When we ask questions with **by**, it goes at the end of the sentence.

*Who were you taught **by**?*



I. Complete the sentences. Use **by** or **with**

- 1 Guitars are played by musicians all over the world.
- 2 Libraries are filled _____ books.
- 3 Tennis is played _____ rackets and a ball.
- 4 The food is brought _____ a waiter.
- 5 Bread is cut _____ a knife.
- 6 Ancient places are found _____ archaeologists.

II. Circle the correct answer.

The very first computers ¹ **invented** / **were invented** about 2500 years ago.
Simple machines called abacuses ² **made** / **were made** by the ancient Egyptians.
These machines ³ **used** / **were used** for thousands of years. A computer
⁴ **invented** / **was invented** nearly 500 years ago by Blaize Pascal but it only
⁵ **added** / **was added** numbers. Alan Turing ⁶ **made** / **was made** a different
machine 80 years ago. It ⁷ **did** / **was done** more than any person could do.
Then about thirty years ago, the first personal computers ⁸ **sold** / **were sold**.
Now, of course, they ⁹ **were bought** / **are bought** all over the world.

III. Complete the sentences. Use the past simple passive

- 1 The Olympic games were invented (invent) by the ancient Greeks.
- 2 Football _____ (play) thousands of years ago in South America.
- 3 The children _____ (ask) to help their mum.
- 4 The football captain _____ (tell) to choose a new team.
- 5 Horses _____ (ride) for sport in ancient India.
- 6 The tennis match _____ (watch) by lots of people.
- 7 The money _____ (give) to the children's school.
- 8 The cinema _____ (open) by the famous actor.



I. Use the prompts to write past simple passive questions

0. *When and where/ bicycles/ first/ ride?*
When and where were bicycles first ridden?

1. In which decade/ DVDs/ invent?

_____.

2. Where/ violins/ first/ make?

_____.

3. In which century/ the first newspaper/ print?

_____.

4. Where/ football/ first/ play?

_____.

5. In which century/ ice-cream/ first/ eat?

_____.

6. Where/ coffee/ first/ drink?

_____.

II. Rewrite the active questions in this quiz using passive form

0. *When did they invent fizzy drinks?*

When were fizzy drinks invented?

1. Who designed the Statue of Liberty?

_____.

2. Where did they hold 2012 Olympic Games?

_____.

3. Who invented Coca Cola?

_____.

4. When did someone climb Mount Everest for the first time?

_____.

5. Who composed the music for the ballet 'Swan Lake'?

_____.

6. When did someone use the first mobile phone?

_____.

7. Where did they invent kites?

_____.

8. Who won the 2010 football World Cup?

_____.

III. Write questions and short answers. Use the past simple passive.

- 1 English / speak / in Australia ✓
Is English spoken in Australia? Yes, it is.
- 2 the pyramids / build / by ancient Egyptians ✓

- 3 the book Oliver Twist / write / by Charles Dickens ✓

- 4 cars / invent / in the sixteenth century ✗

- 5 olive oil / make / with sugar ✗

- 6 ferries / use / for carrying cars ✓

- 7 New York / originally / call / New Amsterdam ✓

- 8 many roads / build / by the Romans ✓

- 9 cars / drive / by children ✗

- 10 soup / make / with vegetables and meat ✓
