

1. Read the text and complete the gaps with the passive voice form of the verbs

The evolution of tennis



Tennis is one of the oldest sports in the world. The name 'tennis' _____ (say) to have come from the French expression 'tennis' which means take.

Tennis starts off as an indoor game called "court" or "royal tennis", which used to be played by French and English royalty. It is only in 1873 that 'lawn tennis' -which is popularly played today- _____ (introduce) by a British army officer, Major Walter Winfield.

Lawn tennis _____ (first play) on a court shaped like an hour-glass and divided by a high hung net. It requires speed, agility, and a great deal of accuracy in hitting the ball. It soon becomes popular with the English young people.

Shortly after "lawn tennis" _____ (introduce) in Britain, an English officer who _____ (send) on duty to Bermuda takes a long supply of balls and rackets. The game becomes popular there too.

At that time, an American girl by the name of Mary Erwin Outerbridge happens to be visiting the island. When she sees the game of tennis being played, she becomes very enthusiastic about it. Before returning home to New York, she purchases a few rackets and balls and takes them with her. Miss Outerbridge hopes to interest her friends in the new game, but the other girls do not take to it first.

In 1877, the first "lawn tennis" championship matches _____ (hold) at the old Wimbledon grounds near London. A few changes _____ (make) in the game during the championship. The court is no longer hour-glass shaped but is rectangular.

Not long after, tennis begins to spread to other countries of the world. Today, it has become popular, and _____ (enjoy) internationally by both sexes.

2. Say TRUE or FALSE to these sentences:

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| a. Tennis is a new sport. | T | F |
| b. Tennis was always played on and outside court. | T | F |
| c. The kind of tennis we play nowadays was invented in 1873. | T | F |
| d. The first tennis court had a rectangular shape. | T | F |
| e. It was popular among teenagers. | T | F |
| f. It was played with balls, rackets and a net. | T | F |
| g. Mary Erwin Outerbridge played tennis with her friends. | T | F |
| h. The first championship was held in New York. | T | F |
| i. Girls and boys play tennis in the present. | T | F |