

Grammar: the passive

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Most people in China drink / is drunk tea.
- 2 The chef didn't cook / weren't cooked the potatoes enough.
- 3 The pizzas delivered / were delivered to our house.
- 4 We ate / were eaten sushi for lunch yesterday.
- 5 Cans don't make / aren't made of plastic.
- 6 Hamburgers didn't invent / weren't invented in the USA.
- 7 You don't use / aren't used pasta to make paella.
- 8 Coffee produces / is produced in Brazil.

Complete the article with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1 eggs / pack / in boxes of six or twelve

Eggs are packed in boxes of six or twelve.

2 Rice _____ (not grow) in cold places

3 This bread _____ (bake) yesterday

4 Meals _____ (not eat) in front of the TV when I was young

5 Milk _____ (not sell) in cartons in the past

6 Toast _____ (make) with bread

7 Those apple trees _____ (plant) last year

8 Olives _____ (not usually serve) for dessert

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Pizza: the world's favourite dish

Millions of pizzas ¹ are eaten (eat) every day, but have you ever wondered where the pizza came from? In the 16th century, a kind of flat bread called 'pizza' ² _____ (sell) on the streets of Naples. The bread was very plain and it ³ _____ (not buy) by many people, only the poor. Ingredients ⁴ _____ (not add) to this pizza until the middle of the 19th century, when the pizza became more popular. A few years later, one of the city's pizza makers tried out a new idea on the king's wife, Margherita of Savoy. He made a pizza with mozzarella cheese, tomatoes and herbs on top, and the queen loved it! The man's name was Raffaele Esposito and his experiment became known as the Pizza Margherita. Today, this pizza is typical in Naples, but only if it ⁵ _____ (prepare) by hand. There are a lot of rules telling chefs how to make traditional pizzas and machines ⁶ _____ (not use). Pizza makers have to use a special oven, too.

Pizzas ⁷ _____ (take) to other countries at the end of the 19th century by Italian immigrants looking for work. Some immigrants made pizzas at home to sell on the streets, while others opened pizzerias. Today, the pizza ⁸ _____ (not only serve) to customers in restaurants; people can call a restaurant to order  pizza and eat it at home.

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