

Passives



Below you will find 16 general knowledge questions using the passive. You have to:

- first, decide if the sentence refers to the past or if it is always true and therefore present
- then, complete the statements with the right passive form of the verb in brackets
- finally, choose the right option to complete the statement

1. Until 1664 New York	(call) ...	
a) New Amsterdam	b) New Hampshire	c) New Liberty
2. The noun which	(use) most frequently in conversation is ...	
a) money	b) time	c) work
3. In the world 360,000 babies	(be born) ...	
a) every day	b) every week	c) every month
4. The Statue of Liberty	(give) to the United States by ...	
a) Germany	b) France	c) the UK
5. The Italian flag	(design) by...	
a) Garibaldi	b) Mussolini	c) Napoleon
6. Penguins	(find) ...	
a) at the South Pole	b) at the North Pole	c) in Alaska
7. Piranhas	(use) by Amazonian Indians as ...	
a) money	b) food	c) scissors
8. The highest price for a hotel room	(pay) in...	
a) Geneva (Switzerland)	b) Las Vegas (USA)	c) St. Lucia (Caribbean)
9. The Mona Lisa	(buy) by a French King in to ...	
a) decorate his bathroom	b) give it to a friend	c) celebrate his wedding anniversary
10. Around 100 African elephants	(kill) ...	
a) every day	b) every month	c) every year
11. The country where most Coca-Cola	(drink) is ...	
a) the USA	b) the UK	c) Mexico
12. The Titanic	(build) in ...	
a) Portsmouth (England)	b) Belfast (Ireland)	c) Liverpool (England)
13. Golf	(play) first in ...	
a) the Netherlands	b) Ireland	c) Scotland
14. The Canary Islands	(name) after ...	
a) a colour	b) birds	c) dogs
15. The electric chair	(invent) by ...	
a) a barber	b) a dentist	c) a politician
16. The word shampoo	(derive) from a Hindi word meaning ...	
a) hair	b) massage	c) clean