

# Grammar

## Present and past simple passive: positive and negative

### 1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 This building was designed / **design** by a famous architect.
- 2 This dome **is** / **are** made from bricks.
- 3 Visitors **shown** / **are shown** round by tour guides.
- 4 The windows **are made** / **makes** from recycled glass.
- 5 The tower **was** / **is** built in the thirteenth century.
- 6 Stone for the fortress was **bring** / **brought** here by horses.
- 7 Statues **was** / **were** put up in honour of the ancient kings.

### 2 Complete the sentences with the present or past passive form of the verbs below.

build   consider   intend   place   support   surprise   visit
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- 1 The Eiffel Tower was built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 2 The dome of Aya Sofya \_\_\_\_\_ by walls and columns.
- 3 Some famous buildings \_\_\_\_\_ by thousands of people every day.
- 4 The Sydney Opera house \_\_\_\_\_ to be a masterpiece of modern architecture.
- 5 The Eiffel Tower \_\_\_\_\_ at the entrance of a big exhibition in Paris.
- 6 The Kremlin \_\_\_\_\_ to be a symbol of the power of the Russian emperor.
- 7 Visitors \_\_\_\_\_ by the size of the dome.

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3 Write present and past passive sentences. Add extra words where necessary.

## Present

1 the statues / make / from marble

The statues are made from marble.

2 the old buildings / not protect / very well

\_\_\_\_\_

3 the Taj Mahal / visit / millions of people

\_\_\_\_\_

4 the fountains / turn off / in the winter

\_\_\_\_\_

## Past

5 the manuscript / not steal / the student

\_\_\_\_\_

6 the architect's design / criticise / the judges

\_\_\_\_\_

7 the Great Library of Alexandria / found / 2000 years ago

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## 4 Write the active sentences in the passive form.

- 1 They import the marble from Italy.

The marble is imported from Italy.

- 2 They decorated the walls with mosaics.

\_\_\_\_\_ with mosaics.

- 3 King Ptolemy I founded the Great Library of Alexandria.

\_\_\_\_\_ by King Ptolemy I.

- 4 Scribes wrote the manuscripts.

\_\_\_\_\_ by scribes.

- 5 They build traditional houses in England with bricks.

\_\_\_\_\_ with bricks.

- 6 They use concrete for bridges because it's strong.

\_\_\_\_\_ because it's strong.

- 7 People often criticise contemporary architecture.

Contemporary architecture \_\_\_\_\_.