

PRESENT & PAST SIMPLE PASSIVE

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PASSIVE FORM

BE present: am/is/are
past: was/were

PAST PARTICIPLE

regular: -ed
irregular: 3rd column

ACTIVE

They **take** the photos PRESENT SIMPLE The photos **are** **taken**

They **took** the photos PAST SIMPLE The photos **were** **taken**

PASSIVE

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PASSIVE QUESTIONS

QUESTION WORD BE SUBJECT PAST PARTICIPLE

How often are the photos taken?
When were the photos taken?

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2 Complete the text with the Past simple passive form of the verbs.

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3 Change these sentences into the passive.

Only include **by + noun** if this is important.

1 People in the US invented the Internet.

The Internet was invented in the US.

2 Da Vinci didn't build the world's first plane.

3 My friend Jack won the science fair.

4 They didn't tell the students about the exams.

5 My dad designed our house.

4 Make questions in the Past simple passive.

Then ask and answer.

1 your favorite photos / take / on a cell phone?

Were your favorite photos taken on a cell phone?

2 your favorite book / write / a long time ago?

3 your favorite movies / make / in your country?

4 your class / give / a lot of homework last week?