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GRAMMAR Past Passive Voice

Past simple passive

We often use the past simple passive when we talk or write about science, technology and processes. We form the past simple passive with the past simple of *be* and the past participle.

*His machine **was built** for the Science Museum in London.*

*The Analytical Engine **was designed** by the English inventor Charles Babbage.*

The **object** of an active sentence becomes the **subject** of a passive sentence. We can use *by* to mention the agent.

ACTIVE *John Mauchly and J Presper Eckert **created** ENIAC.*

PASSIVE ***ENIAC was created** by John Mauchly and J Presper Eckert.*

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A. Complete each sentence with Past Simple Passive Voice. (8 marks)

build | invent | kill | make | play | use | wear | write

1. A third of Europeans _____ by a terrible disease called the plague in the fourteenth century.
2. Football _____ in medieval times using a pig's bladder as a ball.
3. The ancient pyramids of Egypt _____ over 4,500 years ago.
4. Miniskirts _____ first in the 1960s.
5. Cocoa beans _____ as money by the Aztecs.
6. Bicycles _____ in the 1880s.
7. The Harry Potter books _____ J.K. Rowling.
8. The T-shirt _____ fashionable by Marlon Brando in the 1950s.



B. Write questions and answers in the Past Simple Passive Voice using the words below. (10 marks)

1. **Q** where / this computer / make ?
   Where was this computer made?
   A Japan
   It was made in Japan.
2. **Q** who / the exam / marked / by?
   A an examiner in Oxford
3. **Q** why / the door / lock?
   A it was closing time
4. **Q** when / you / wake up / by your mum?
   A six o'clock
5. **Q** where / the books / leave ?
   A in the classroom
6. **Q** how / this chicken / cook ?
   A in the oven

C. Rewrite the sentences in Science This Week so they are Past Simple Passive Voice. (9 marks)

SCIENCE THIS WEEK

1. Thieves stole a dangerous virus from Hobson Research Lab. — *A dangerous virus was stolen from Hobson Research Lab.*
2. The Hubble telescope found a fifth moon on Pluto. —
3. Scientists warned governments about extreme weather. —
4. A lack of vitamin D possibly killed Mozart. —
5. Scientists built a spacecraft to remove rubbish from orbit. —
6. The Earth sends enormous quantities of heat into space. —
7. A cameraman filmed a rare snow leopard and cubs in Mongolia. —
8. Archaeologists found an ancient civilization in the jungle. —
9. Environmentalists rescued some sea turtles from nets. —
10. Stephen Hawkins tried a machine that reads minds. —

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