

Past simple & past passive

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Look at the table below then read the text under the table. Circle the correct form of each verb in the text. The first one has been done for you.

The World's Top Global Brands

Rank in 2013	Rank in 2012	Brand	Sector	Logo
1	2	Apple Inc	Technology	
2	4	Google	Technology	
3	1	Coca-Cola	Beverages	
4	3	IBM	Business Services	
5	5	Microsoft	Technology	

The table above (1) **published, was published** by a leading US brand consultancy. As we can see, the No 1 position in 2013 (2) **taken, was taken** by Apple Inc. Before 2013, Coca-Cola (3) **held, was held** the No 1 position for 13 years, but in 2013, it (4) **dropped, was dropped** to the No 3 position. Google (5) **rose, was risen** to the No 2 position in 2013, but (6) **beat, was beaten** by Apple Inc. The companies in the first four positions in 2012 (7) **remained, was remained** the same in 2013, but their order (8) **changed, was changed**. However, Microsoft (9) **stayed, was stayed** in the no 5 position in both years.

2

Complete the text below. For each item, shade in the bubble  next to the correct option.

The Samsung Group

The Samsung Group's headquarters **1** _____ in Seoul, South Korea. The group **2** _____ in 1938 by Lee Byung-Chul, a very successful South Korean businessman. Samsung **3** _____ the electronics industry in the late 1960s. After Lee's death in 1987, it **4** _____ into four separate business groups. Since the 1990s, Samsung has continued to **5** _____ its business activities all over the world, especially in mobile phones. In 2013, Samsung **6** _____ construction of the world's largest mobile phone factory in the Thai Nguyen province of North Vietnam.

1.  is	 are	 was	 were
2.  founded	 has founded	 was founded	 founds
3.  entered	 enters	 were entered	 was entered
4.  divided	 was divided	 divides	 is divided
5.  increased	 is increased	 increase	 was increased
6.  was begun	 has begun	 begins	 began

3

Complete the paragraph below. Put each verb in brackets into the past simple passive tense form.

Apple Inc

The American multinational company, Apple Inc **(1)** _____ **(found)** in California in the US on 1 April 1976. It **(2)** _____ **(know)** as 'Apple Computer Inc' for 30 years until January 2007 when the word 'computer' **(3)** _____ **(take out)** of its name.



One of Apple's most successful products is the iPhone. The first generation iPhone **(4)** _____ **(release)** on 29 June 2007. The seventh generation iPhone 5C and iPhone 5S **(5)** _____ **(introduce)** on 10 September 2013. In addition, many other products such as the Mac line of computers, the iPod media player and the iPad tablet computer **(6)** _____ **(design)** by Apple.

4

Complete the dialogue with the verbs in the past simple.

Father: It's ten o'clock, Sami. You ought to get up.
Sami: I'm tired dad. I (1) _____ (go) to bed late last night.
Father: Your younger brother got back a few minutes ago from the market. He already (2) _____ (do) the shopping. By the way, a boy called Hani (3) _____ (phone) you twice this morning.
Sami: Really? Maybe he (4) _____ (try) to call me on my mobile phone but I (5) _____ (have) it on silent. What (6) _____? (want)
Father: He (7) _____ (not say).
Sami: That's strange. Why (8) _____ (call) me at home? I (9) _____ (speak) to him yesterday after school but he (10) _____ (not tell) me anything.
Father: Is he a new friend?
Sami: Yes. He (11) _____ (move) here last August. I'll call him back. Thank you, dad.
Father: All right, son.

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Rewrite the sentences using the past simple passive.

Example: The teacher gave Ali an award. *Ali was given an award by the teacher.*

1 My brother showed my father how to use the new iPad.

2 They didn't invite us to the party.

3 Anne sent us a letter.

4 The police didn't find any evidence.

5 Who invented the light bulb?

6 Did your friend solve the problem?

6

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct form of each verb.

1. A truck _____ (crashed/was crashed) into a school bus this morning.
2. The American multinational company, Apple Inc. _____ (found/was founded) on 1 April 1976.
3. The world's first GSM call _____ (made/was made) by the Prime Minister of Finland.
4. Traffic lights _____ (invented/were invented) in 1923 by Garret Morgan.
5. Germany _____ (won/was won) the 2014 World Cup.
6. They _____ (told/were told) me to come back the next day.
7. The knife _____ (left/was left) on the table.