Passive Voice

1. Circle the correct word

1 In 1848, gold *discovered* / *was discovered* in California.
2 Today most of the food we eat *is bought* / *bought* in supermarkets.
3 Spanish *speaks* / *is spoken* widely in North and South America.
4 The Indian film industry *calls* / *is called* Bollywood, and they *make* / *are made* lots of films every year.
5 When *were the Pyramids built* / *built the Pyramids* and who *built* / *was built* them?
6 My grandfather *gave* / *was given* me this lovely old watch.

2. Write sentences and questions in the present or past passive

1 what / your new baby / call?
What's your new baby called?
2 contact lenses / invent / a Czech chemist
_____.
3 where / olives / grow?
_____?
4 the VW Beetle / design / in the 1930s
_____.
5 diamonds / find / in many different colours
_____.
6 when / vitamins / discover?
_____?

3.Complete the conversations with the words and correct form of present or past passive

be born build grow invent make

1 A *Were you born* in Germany?
B Yes, in Berlin, but I moved to England when I was 11.

2 A Are these cars 100% British?
B No, the engines _____ in Japan.

3 A Does tea come from China?
B Some of it does, but it _____ in India and some other countries, too.

4 A Is the Tower of London very old?
B Yes, the oldest part _____ in 1078.

5 A Who invented the ballpoint pen?
B It _____ by a Hungarian called László Bíró.

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