

Present and past passive: affirmative and negative

1 Complete the sentences with the present or past passive form of the verbs in the box.

buy not locate make not paint
not permit sell steal visit

- 1 The *Mona Lisa* _____ from the Louvre in 1911.
- 2 Some exhibitions _____ by thousands of people every day.
- 3 Michelangelo's sculpture *David* _____ between 1501 and 1504.
- 4 Some art _____ for a lot of money.
- 5 Visitors to art galleries _____ to touch the paintings.
- 6 The Ermitage _____ in Moscow. It's in Saint Petersburg.
- 7 Not all the paintings in the exhibition _____ by the same collector.
- 8 This portrait _____ by a famous artist.

2 Write present or past passive sentences. Add extra words where necessary.

present

the sculptures / make / from bronze
The sculptures are made from bronze.

1 the paintings / not protect / very well

past

3 the sculpture / not steal / the museum worker

Active to passive

3 Write the active sentences in the passive form.

The Prado Museum exhibits Goya's paintings.

Goya's paintings are exhibited by

the Prado Museum.

- 1 He painted his first pictures in bright colours.
_____ in bright colours.
- 2 They show the viewer scenes of happiness and humour.
_____ scenes of happiness and humour.
- 3 A disease destroyed his hearing in 1792.
_____ a disease in 1792.
- 4 France invaded Spain in 1808.
_____ France in 1808.
- 5 These problems changed Goya's paintings.
_____ these problems.
- 6 When he died, they buried him in Bordeaux, France.
_____ in Bordeaux, France when he died.

Present and past passive: questions

4 Write present or past passive questions for the answers.

How many paintings were stolen?

Three paintings were stolen.

- 1 _____ No, the sculptures aren't owned by the gallery.
- 2 _____ The museum was built in 1930.
- 3 _____ The sculpture is made from bronze.
- 4 _____ Yes, the gallery was opened last year.
- 5 _____ Yes, the museum is used for conferences.
- 6 _____ The exhibition was organized in Toulouse.