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Simple present and simple past passives

A Complete the paragraphs. Circle the correct words.

I never used to like history lessons at school. The teacher never *was brought* / *brought* history to
(1.)
life, and it was really boring. We *were always told* / *always told* to just read out long passages from
(2.)
textbooks to the class. You never *were known* / *knew* when it was going to be your turn and then,
(3.)
suddenly, you *were chosen* / *chose* by the teacher to read the next paragraph.
(4.)

Since then, I *discovered* / *was discovered* that history is actually really interesting. I *was shown* / *shown*
(5.) (6.)
some really interesting documentaries over the years by friends. Recently, I *took* / *was taken* a course on
(7.)
twentieth century history. We *were given* / *gave* various topics to research and presented to the class. It
(8.)
was absolutely fascinating. I hope children *are taught* / *teach* history in a similar way at school these days.
(9.)

B Use the prompts to make sentences in the passive. Use the tense in brackets.

1. Julie / not tell / about / the changes (simple past)

2. fantastic books / write / all the time (simple present)

3. a new stadium / build / for the World Cup (simple past)

4. what / discuss / at the meeting? (simple past)

5. I / not call on / in class today (simple past)

6. first successful photograph / produce / Joseph N. Niépce / in 1826 (simple past)

7. English / speak / here (simple present)

8. my car / repair (simple past)

9. who / won / the last World Cup? (simple past)
