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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.)

some really interesting documentaries over the years by friends. Recently, I **took / was taken** a course on
(6.)

twentieth century history. We **were given / gave** various topics to research and presented to the class. It
(7.)

was absolutely fascinating. I hope children **are taught / teach** history in a similar way at school these days.
(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)