

30 Past simple passive

I can form and use the past simple passive.

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This is my dad's first mobile phone.

In the 1980s.



When was it made?



We form the past passive with **was** or **were** + the past participle.

*The team **was chosen** on Thursday.*

*Two windows **were broken** at school last week.*

*The food at the restaurant **wasn't cooked** very well.*

*The drinks **weren't included** in the price.*

***Was** that picture **painted** by Picasso?*

*How many people **were rescued** from the boat?*

We use the past simple passive to talk about actions that finished in the past.

*The Eiffel Tower **was built** in 1889.*

*She **was hurt** in an accident yesterday.*

We can use **by** to say who or what did the action, if necessary.

*The tennis match **was stopped by** rain.*

*I **wasn't taught by** Mrs Spicer.*

When we ask questions with **by**, it goes at the end of the sentence.

*Who were you taught **by**?*

* 1 Circle the correct option.

- ▶ That programme was / were watched by millions of people. ★
- 1 Some books was / were left in the classroom.
- 2 Why was / were you disliked at school?
- 3 When was / were your room last painted?
- 4 Was / Were your phone made in China?
- 5 The new station was / were opened by the prime minister.
- 6 Who was / were your computer used by?
- 7 The questions was / were written in French.
- 8 Where was / were your wallet found?
- 9 We was / were amazed by the team's performance.
- 10 Who was / were woken up by the storm last night?

* 2 Write affirmative and negative sentences.

- ▶ The light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison. (invent)
- ▶ The job wasn't finished on time. (not finish)
- 1 My shoes _____ very quickly. (repair)
- 2 The ice cream _____ in the freezer. (not keep)
- 3 The train _____ for half an hour. (delay)
- 4 I worked hard but I _____ any money. (not pay)

- 5 The exams _____ by Mrs Salmon. (mark)
- 6 The first football World Cup _____ by Uruguay. (win)
- 7 We _____ to take our mobile phones. (not allow)
- 8 Salt _____ to the pasta. (not add)
- 9 All the toys _____ into boxes at the factory. (pack)
- 10 Your job application _____ on time. (not send)

* 3 You are asking a friend about a party that happened yesterday. Write passive questions. ★

- ▶ how many people/invite
How many people were invited?
- 1 where/the cars/park _____?
- 2 all the food/eat _____?
- 3 what sort of music/play _____?
- 4 anything/broken _____?

- 4 **30.1** Now listen to Sally talking to Emma, and check the questions you wrote in exercise 3. Then listen again and answer the questions. Use passive sentences.

▶ About 50 people were invited.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

- 5 Rewrite the active questions in this quiz using passive forms.

- 1 When did they invent fizzy drinks?
When were fizzy drinks invented?
- 2 Who designed the Statue of Liberty?
Who was the Statue of Liberty designed by?
- 3 Where did they hold the 2012 Olympic Games?

- 4 Who invented Coca Cola®?

- 5 When did someone climb Mount Everest for the first time?

- 6 Who composed the music for the ballet 'Swan Lake'?

- 7 When did someone use the first mobile phone?

- 8 Where did they invent kites?

- 9 Who won the 2010 football World Cup?

- 6 **30.2** Match the answers (a-i) to the quiz questions (1-9) in exercise 5. Listen and check.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| a Tchaikovsky _____ | f in 1770 <u>1</u> |
| b John Pemberton _____ | g Auguste Bartholdi _____ |
| c in London _____ | h in 1973 _____ |
| d in 1953 _____ | i in China _____ |
| e Spain _____ | |

- 7 Work in groups. Turn to page 169.

- 8 Complete the text with the past simple active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

A short history of coffee



No one knows when the first cup of coffee was drunk. Some people say it was made (make) in the 9th century by a young man in Ethiopia who looked after goats.

He ¹ _____ (try) the beans of a coffee plant but they tasted bitter, so he ² _____ (throw) them on a fire. But when the beans ³ _____ (roast) in the fire, the young man noticed a wonderful smell. He ⁴ _____ (take) the beans from the fire and boiled them with water. In this way, the first cup of coffee ⁵ _____ (produce).

In fact, the first evidence for coffee comes from the 1400s. Plants ⁶ _____ (grow) in Yemen and ground coffee ⁷ _____ (export) to other Arab countries.

People ⁸ _____ (love) the drink and in the 1500s 'coffee houses', or cafés, ⁹ _____ (open) across the Arab world. They were places where coffee ¹⁰ _____ (drink), chess ¹¹ _____ (play) and people ¹² _____ (chat).

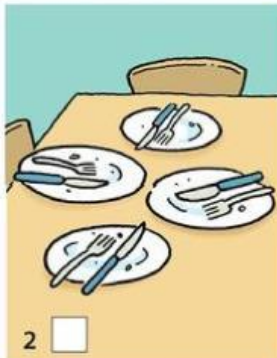
At the end of the 1500s coffee ¹³ _____ (sell) in Europe for the first time. In the next hundred years, coffee plants ¹⁴ _____ (transport) all over the world by the Dutch, the French and the British. Coffee ¹⁵ _____ (become) one of the most important products for many countries.

Self-evaluation Rate your progress.

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Reading and writing

- 1 What is the situation? Match pictures 1–5 with sentences A–H. You don't need to use all the sentences.



- A Toby made pasta with tomato sauce.
 B English is spoken there.
 C Pasta is made from flour and water.
 D The climber was found by a dog.
 E Everything was eaten.
 F She spoke to them in English.
 G The men found a dog in the country.
 H Max ate a lot.

- 2 Read the sentences about plastic. Choose the correct letter A, B or C to complete the sentences.

► The first type of plastic was B in 1856.

A invent B invented C inventing

1 It was created ___ Alexander Parkes.

A by B with C of

2 It ___ Parkesine.

A called B was call C was called

3 More types of plastic ___ produced between 1865 and 1927.

A are B is C were

4 In 1927 polyamide ___ discovered by scientists.

A is B was C were

5 Polyamide is also ___ as 'nylon'.

A know B known C knew

6 In 1939 the first nylon clothes ___.

A are sold B sold C were sold

7 They were ___ by millions of ordinary people.

A buyed B bought C buying

8 Now, thousands of products are made ___ plastic.

A of B by C at

- 3 Read part of an email from your English friend. Write a reply to your friend about an exciting day you had.

I wanted to tell you about my exciting day last week. I won a prize in a writing competition, and the prize was a trip to a castle! I was taken in a taxi with my mum and dad. Some other prize winners were invited too. We were given a tour of the castle, and then a delicious lunch was cooked for us in the restaurant. But the best thing was that our stories were published in a magazine.

4 Complete the text with a passive or active form of the verb in brackets.

Hever Castle is one of the most famous castles in England. It was built in 1270, and then two hundred years later it ¹ _____ (buy) by Geoffrey Boleyn. He ² _____ (make) the castle bigger and in the 1500s it was the home of Anne Boleyn, who ³ _____ (become) the wife of King Henry VIII but ⁴ _____ (kill) by him in 1536.

In the 1800s, the castle ⁵ _____ (not look) after properly and by 1900 it was in a very bad state. In 1903, it ⁶ _____ (sell) to William Astor, one of the richest men in America. The castle ⁷ _____ (repair) and the Astor family ⁸ _____ (live) in it until 1983.

Now, Hever Castle ⁹ _____ (own) by a big company and ¹⁰ _____ (visit) by thousands of tourists every year.



Listening

5 R9.1 Listen and match 1–6 to A–F.

- A I wasn't invited to the party. ____
- B They don't sell it in supermarkets. ____
- C It was made in China. 1
- D We were invited to the party. ____
- E They weren't made in China. ____
- F They sell them in supermarkets. ____

6 R9.2 You will hear a description of how sun-dried tomatoes are produced. Complete the sentences using passive forms.

The tomatoes are grown in Spain.
 When they are ripe, they ¹ _____, washed and ² _____ for quality.
 Then they ³ _____ in half and dried in the sun.
 When the tomatoes are dried, they ⁴ _____ into jars with olive oil.
 Then they ⁵ _____ by lorry to countries across Europe.
 Sun-dried tomatoes ⁶ _____ in supermarkets and ⁷ _____ in salads or with pasta.

Speaking

7 Work in pairs. Choose an object from the pictures. Your partner asks questions to guess the object.

What is it used for?

It's used for sleeping.

What is it made of?

It's made of wood.

Where is it found?

It's found in a bedroom.

Is it a bed?

Yes it is!

