Past simple passive





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
_____?

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