

Past simple passive

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 _____?