

Passive Voice

Grammar Practice · Did You Know?

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Instructions: Write the verb in parentheses in the correct passive tense. Each sentence contains a surprising fact — pay attention to the tense clue given in brackets.

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WRITE THE CORRECT PASSIVE FORM IN EACH BLANK

1 **Food & Drink**
Canned beer _____ in 1935.
first sell · simple past

2 **Food & Drink**
Coca-Cola contained cocaine when it _____.
first release · simple past

3 **Food & Drink**
Coca-Cola _____ by John Stith Pemberton in 1886.
invent · simple past

4 **Food & Drink**
Ice cream _____ in China.
first make · simple past

5 **Fashion**
More than 2 billion pairs of jeans _____ by Levi's.
produce · present perfect

6 **Technology**
The modern silvered-glass mirror _____ by German chemist Justus von Liebig.
invent · simple past

7 **Brands**
Nike _____ after the ancient Greek goddess of victory.
name · simple past

8 **Food & Drink**
Hamburgers _____ America's favourite food.
consider · modal: can

9 **Sport**
The first football World Cup _____ in 1930.
hold · simple past

10 **Languages**
German _____ in Austria.
speak · simple present

11 **History**
The first underground railway _____ in London.
build · simple past

12 **Cars**
The original VW Beetle _____ by Ferdinand Porsche.
design · simple past

13 **Space**
The moon _____ before Mars.
colonise · future: will

14 **Medicine**
Anaesthesia _____ in 1844.
first use · simple past

TENSE REFERENCE

Simple past: was/were + pp

Simple present: is/are + pp

Present perfect: has/have been + pp

Modal (can): can be + pp

Future (will): will be + pp