

Passive Voice – Art, Music & Science

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Write the verb in parentheses in the correct passive form. The tense clue is given in the last column. The verb is shown in *italics* below each sentence.

#	Category	Write the correct passive form	Tense
1	Painting	The Mona Lisa _____ by Leonardo da Vinci between 1503 and 1519. <i>(paint)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
2	Music	Beethoven's Fifth Symphony _____ for the first time in Vienna in 1808. <i>(perform)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
3	Science	Penicillin _____ by Alexander Fleming in 1928 when he noticed mould growing on a petri dish. <i>(discover)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
4	Painting	When Michelangelo died in 1564, the Sistine Chapel ceiling _____ for over fifty years. <i>(admire)</i>	<i>present perfect</i>
5	Music	Vivaldi's Four Seasons _____ in 1725 as part of a larger collection of concertos. <i>(publish)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
6	Science	The first telephone _____ by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876. <i>(invent)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
7	Sculpture	The statue of David _____ by thousands of tourists every single day in Florence. <i>(visit)</i>	<i>present simple</i>
8	Music	Mozart's Requiem _____ unfinished at his death — scholars still debate who completed it. <i>(leave)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
9	Science	The structure of DNA _____ by Watson and Crick in 1953, changing biology forever. <i>(describe)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
10	Painting	Guernica _____ by Picasso in 1937 and _____ in the Museo Reina Sofía in Madrid ever since. <i>(paint / keep)</i>	<i>past simple + present perfect</i>
11	Music	Swan Lake _____ by Tchaikovsky in 1875 and first performed in Moscow in 1877. <i>(write)</i>	<i>past simple</i>
12	Science	Newton's laws of motion _____ in his landmark work Principia Mathematica in 1687. <i>(set out)</i>	<i>past simple</i>

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13	Painting	The Starry Night is currently _____ in the Museum of Modern Art in New York. (display)	present continuous
14	Music	Handel's Messiah _____ in concert halls all over the world every Christmas. (perform)	present simple
15	Science	Scientists believe that within the next decade, cancer _____ using personalised gene therapy. (treat)	future
16	Architecture	The walls and ceilings of the Alhambra palace _____ with geometric patterns for centuries, and they still draw millions of visitors a year. (decorate)	present perfect
17	Music	At this very moment, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata _____ somewhere in the world. (play)	present continuous
18	Science	The polio vaccine _____ by Jonas Salk in 1955, saving millions of lives. (develop)	past simple
19	Painting	Girl with a Pearl Earring _____ by Johannes Vermeer around 1665 and is often called the 'Dutch Mona Lisa'. (paint)	past simple
20	Music	The Ninth by Beethoven _____ when I came into the music hall. (perform)	past continuous