

1. Olga is talking about the town where she lives, it's Torzhok, the Tver Region.

What is interesting about her home town? Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

Past Simple Passive

The town **was founded by** Prince Yuri in the twelfth century.

My town is very old. Its ancient name Novy Torg (0) was written (*to write*) in the Chronicles² in 1137. There was a kremlin in the centre of the town but in the eighteenth century its wall and towers (1) _____ (*to destroy*) by a great fire. In the eighteenth century the town began to grow because the road³ between St Petersburg and Moscow (2) _____ (*to build*) and the



town stood near the road. In Torzhok there are wonderful buildings which (3) _____ (*to design*) by the famous architects K. Rossi and A. L'vov. During the Great Patriotic War some of them (4) _____ (*to destroy*). The magnificent Borisoglebsky Cathedral (5) _____ (*to build*) in the eighteenth century too. It (6) _____ (*to decorate*) by the famous Russian painter V. Borovikovsky. The Cathedral (7) _____ (*to restore*) not long ago.

Torzhok (8) _____ (*to visit*) by many famous people, A. S. Pushkin for example. A. S. Pushkin liked having dinner at Pozharsky's Inn.¹ The building of Pozharsky's Inn (9) _____ (*to damage*) by fire in 2002 but later it (10) _____ (*to restore*).