

## EXERCISES

### 1. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple.

- a. English \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) in many countries.
- b. The post \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) at about 7 o'clock every morning.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ (the building/use) any more?
- d. How often \_\_\_\_\_ (the Olympic Games/hold)?
- e. How \_\_\_\_\_ (your name/spell)?
- f. My salary \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) every month.
- g. These cars \_\_\_\_\_ (not make) in Japan.
- h. The name of the people who committed the crime \_\_\_\_\_ (not know).
- i. His travel expenses \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) by his company.

### 2. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple.

- a. My car \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) last week.
- b. This song \_\_\_\_\_ (not write) by John Lennon.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ (the phone/answer) by a young girl?
- d. The film \_\_\_\_\_ (make) ten years ago.
- e. When \_\_\_\_\_ (tennis/invent)?
- f. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (not damaged) in the accident.
- g. The original building \_\_\_\_\_ (pull) down in 1965.
- h. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (this pot/make)?
- i. When \_\_\_\_\_ (this bridge/build)?

### 3. Choose the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

#### FIAT

Fiat <sup>0</sup> was started (started/was started) by a group of Italian businessmen in 1899. In 1903, Fiat, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (produced/was produced) 132 cars. Some of these cars <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (exported/were exported) by the company to the United States and Britain. In 1920, Fiat <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (started/was started) making cars at a new factory at Lingotto, near Turin. There was a track on the roof where the cars <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tested/were tested) by technicians. In 1936, Fiat launched the Fiat 500. This car <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (called/was called) the Topolino – the Italian name for Mickey Mouse. The company grew, and in 1963 Fiat <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (exported/was exported) more than 300,000 vehicles. Today, Fiat is based in Turin, and its cars <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sold/are sold) all over the world.

### 4. Change the following sentences into passive sentences using the words in brackets.

- a. We sell tickets for all shows at the Box Office. (Tickets for all shows/sell/at the Box Office)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (The electric light bulb/invent/by Thomas Edison)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Someone painted the office last week. (The office/paint/last week)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Several people saw the accident. (The accident/see/by several people)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. Where do they make these video recorders? (Where/these video recorders/make)  
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5. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

- a. Someone built this house 200 years ago.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. A thief stole my purse.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. The police will arrest the robbers.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. They produce cars in this factory.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. They serve breakfast at eight o'clock every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f. People throw away tones of rubbish every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g. They make coffee in Brazil.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- h. Someone stole Jim's bike lat night.  
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6. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

- a. They will build a new bridge next year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Brian Brody directed *The Ultimate Space Adventure*.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Pierre Matie will design her costume.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Someone found my wallet.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. One of the students broke the window.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f. They will deliver my computer on Monday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g. Mary invited Paul to her birthday party.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- h. British astronomers discovered a new planet.  
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7. Form the question.

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| a. Paper is made from wood.                    | <u>Is paper made from wood</u> | ? |
| b. The telephone was invented by Mr Bell.      | _____                          | ? |
| c. This picture was painted by Peter.          | _____                          | ? |
| d. The thieves will be arrested by the police. | _____                          | ? |
| e. Champagne is made in France.                | _____                          | ? |
| f. The letters will be sent next week.         | _____                          | ? |
| g. The animals are fed three times a day.      | _____                          | ? |
| h. This article was written by Stanley.        | _____                          | ? |

- i. CDs are made of plastic. \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- j. The party was organised by Paul. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**8. Read and complete. Use Past Simple.**

- a. The toothbrush / invent / in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. The first public basketball game / play / in 1892.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. The first eyeglasses / wear / in the 1200s.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. The first bicycle / ride in 1791.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. The first hot dog / eat / in the 1860s.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f. The first CDs / sell / in the 1980s.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g. The first electric guitar / play / in 1923.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- h. The first computer mouse / use / 1964.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**9. Complete with the passive. Use Present Simple.**

- a. This programme \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) by millions of people.
- b. Paper \_\_\_\_\_ (make) from wood.
- c. Hundreds of people \_\_\_\_\_ (kill) in accidents every year.
- d. London \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) by thousands of tourists every year.
- e. The biology class \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) by Mr Green.
- f. English \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) all over the world.
- g. Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ (serve) at twelve o'clock.
- h. Books \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by authors.

**10. Put the verbs in brackets into Past Simple Passive.**

Two men \_\_\_\_\_ (see) breaking into a house in my street last night. The police \_\_\_\_\_ (call) and they arrived very quickly. One man \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) immediately. The other escaped, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (find) very soon. Both men \_\_\_\_\_ (take) to the police station where they \_\_\_\_\_ (question) separately by a police officer. The two men \_\_\_\_\_ (charge) with burglary.

**11. Rewrite the following passage in the Passive.**

Somebody has stolen a bus from outside the school. Some children saw the thief. The police are searching for the bus now. They will use the children's descriptions to catch the thief.

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