

## EXERCISES

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

- English \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) in many countries.
- The post \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) at about 7 o'clock every morning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (the building/use) any more?
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ (the Olympic Games/hold)?
- How \_\_\_\_\_ (your name/spell)?
- My salary \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) every month.
- These cars \_\_\_\_\_ (not make) in Japan.
- The name of the people who committed the crime \_\_\_\_\_ (not know).
- 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.

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

- We sell tickets for all shows at the Box Office. (Tickets for all shows/sell/at the Box Office)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (The electric light bulb/invent/by Thomas Edison)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Someone painted the office last week. (The office/paint/last week)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Several people saw the accident. (The accident/see/by several people)  
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- 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.

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b. A thief stole my purse.

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c. The police will arrest the robbers.

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d. They produce cars in this factory.

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e. They serve breakfast at eight o'clock every day.

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f. People throw away tones of rubbish every day.

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g. They make coffee in Brazil.

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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.

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b. Brian Brody directed *The Ultimate Space Adventure*.

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c. Pierre Matie will design her costume.

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d. Someone found my wallet.

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e. One of the students broke the window.

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f. They will deliver my computer on Monday.

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g. Mary invited Paul to her birthday party.

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h. British astronomers discovered a new planet.

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**7. Form the question.**

a. Paper is made from wood.

*Is paper made from wood* ?

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b. The telephone was invented by Mr Bell.

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c. This picture was painted by Peter.

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d. The thieves will be arrested by the police.

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e. Champagne is made in France.

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f. The letters will be sent next week.

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g. The animals are fed three times a day.

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h. This article was written by Stanley.

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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.

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c. The first eyeglasses / wear / in the 1200s.

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d. The first bicycle / ride in 1791.

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f. The first CDs / sell / in the 1980s.

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g. The first electric guitar / play / in 1923.

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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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