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## WORKSHEET 1



### *Past simple passive*

*This is my dad's first mobile phone.*

*In the 1980s.*



*When was it made?*



We form the past passive with **was** or **were** + the past participle.

*The team was chosen on Thursday.*

*Two windows were broken at school last week.*

*The food at the restaurant wasn't cooked very well.*

*The drinks weren't included in the price.*

*Was that picture painted by Picasso?*

*How many people were rescued from the boat?*

We use the past simple passive to talk about actions that finished in the past.

*The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889.*

*She was hurt in an accident yesterday.*

We can use **by** to say who or what did the action, if necessary.

*The tennis match was stopped by rain.*

*I wasn't taught by Mrs Spicer.*

When we ask questions with **by**, it goes at the end of the sentence.

*Who were you taught by?*



#### I. Complete the sentences. Use *by* or *with*

- 1 Guitars are played by musicians all over the world.
- 2 Libraries are filled with books.
- 3 Tennis is played with rackets and a ball.
- 4 The food is brought by a waiter.
- 5 Bread is cut with a knife.
- 6 Ancient places are found by archaeologists.

## II. Circle the correct answer.

The very first computers <sup>1</sup>**invented / were invented** about 2500 years ago. Simple machines called abacuses <sup>2</sup>**made / were made** by the ancient Egyptians. These machines <sup>3</sup>**used / were used** for thousands of years. A computer <sup>4</sup>**invented / was invented** nearly 500 years ago by Blaize Pascal but it only <sup>5</sup>**added / was added** numbers. Alan Turing <sup>6</sup>**made / was made** a different machine 80 years ago. It <sup>7</sup>**did / was done** more than any person could do. Then about thirty years ago, the first personal computers <sup>8</sup>**sold / were sold**. Now, of course, they <sup>9</sup>**were bought / are bought** all over the world.

## III. Complete the sentences. Use the past simple passive

- 1 The Olympic games were invented (invent) by the ancient Greeks.
- 2 Football was played (play) thousands of years ago in South America.
- 3 The children were asked (ask) to help their mum.
- 4 The football captain was told (tell) to choose a new team.
- 5 Horses were ridden (ride) for sport in ancient India.
- 6 The tennis match was watched (watch) by lots of people.
- 7 The money was given (give) to the children's school.
- 8 The cinema was opened (open) by the famous actor.



## I. Use the prompts to write past simple passive questions

0. *When and where/ bicycles/ first/ ride?*  
*When and where were bicycles first ridden?*

1. In which decade/ DVDs/ invent?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Where/ violins/ first/ make?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. In which century/ the first newspaper/ print?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Where/ football/ first/ play?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. In which century/ ice-cream/ first/ eat?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Where/ coffee/ first/ drink?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. Rewrite the active questions in this quiz using passive form**

0. *When did they invent fizzy drinks?*  
*When were fizzy drinks invented?*  
1. Who designed the Status of Liberty?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Where did they hold 2012 Olympic Games?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Who invented Coca Cola?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. When did someone climb Mount Everest for the first time?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who composed the music for the ballet ‘Swan Lake’?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. When did someone use the first mobile phone?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Where did they invent kites?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Who won the 2010 football World Cup?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## **III. Write questions and short answers. Use the past simple passive.**

- 1 English / speak / in Australia ✓  
Is English spoken in Australia? Yes, it is.
- 2 the pyramids / build / by ancient Egyptians ✓
- 3 the book Oliver Twist / write / by Charles Dickens ✓
- 4 cars / invent / in the sixteenth century X
- 5 olive oil / make / with sugar X
- 6 ferries / use / for carrying cars ✓
- 7 New York / originally / call / New Amsterdam ✓
- 8 many roads / build / by the Romans ✓
- 9 cars / drive / by children X
- 10 soup / make / with vegetables and meat ✓