

Day 44

6 Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses. Use the simple present, simple past, or future passive form of the verbs.

- Before electricity was available, candles were used (use) for light.
- The ancient site _____ (discover) three years ago.
- Many items _____ (remove) for scientific study.
- Work on the site _____ (complete) next month.
- The museum _____ (not own) by the government now.
- A: _____ Egyptian artifacts _____ (display) here?
B: Yes, they _____. You can find them on the second floor.
- The opening date for the Moche exhibit _____ (not announce) until next week.
- How _____ food _____ (prepare) in the Middle Ages?
- Where in the library _____ the books about ancient Greece _____ (keep)?
- Native American history _____ (not teach) by Professor Schulz anymore.

PRACTICE

7 Complete the exercises.

A Read the information about a common archaeological procedure.



Archaeological Dig: Standard Procedure

When team members find an artifact, they follow a standard procedure.

- A student assistant places the artifact in a special container.
- The assistant writes the information about the artifact on the container label.
- The assistant records the artifact in the project's database.¹
- Experts analyze the artifact at the laboratory.

¹database: a computer program for storing information

B Complete the presentation. Use the passive voice and the verbs in exercise **A**.

Hello, my name is Liz Harrison, and I'm a team leader on the dig. I'd like to tell you a little bit about our working methods on this project. When an artifact (1) is found by team members, a standard procedure (2) _____. First, the artifact (3) _____ in a special container, and information about the artifact (4) _____ on the container label. After the artifact (5) _____ in the project's database, it (6) _____ at the laboratory.

C Complete the conversation between two team members about something that went wrong on the project in exercise **A**. Use the simple past passive voice.

Erik: We had a problem with our new student assistants yesterday.

Kumiko: What happened?

Erik: Well, unfortunately, the standard procedure (1) wasn't followed (not follow). Some of the containers (2) _____ (not label) properly.

Kumiko: Oh, that's not good. (3) _____ all the artifacts _____ (place) in containers?

Erik: No, and some small pieces of pottery (4) _____ (damage) as a result.

Kumiko: That's terrible! (5) _____ all the artifacts _____ (record) in the database?

Erik: Yes, that (6) _____ (do) correctly. On the bright side, the team discovered one very interesting object.

Kumiko: Oh, really? What (7) _____ (find)?

REAL ENGLISH

Sometimes, the passive voice is used when the speaker does not want to blame a person or people directly.

*The procedure **wasn't followed**.*