



UNIT #6 – PASSIVE VOICE PRACTICE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passive voice: Simple past with *by* + agent**

The treasure	<b>was</b>	<b>stolen</b>	<b>by</b>	thieves.
The objects	<b>were</b>	<b>analyzed</b>	<b>by</b>	a scientist.

	<b>Was</b>	your tattoo	<b>done</b>	<b>by</b>	an artist?
	<b>Were</b>	those statues	<b>discovered</b>	<b>by</b>	archaeologists?
Who	<b>was</b>	the Iceman	<b>found</b>	<b>by?</b>	

When you know who is doing the action, add it to the passive with *by* + the agent (person doing the action).

**1 Read and write.** Use the words in parentheses and *by* if needed.

Around 246 BCE, about 700,000 men  
 were hired *by* (hire) the Chinese  
 emperor Qin Shihuang to make an army of  
 men. He wanted the army to protect him  
 after he died. For nearly forty years, thousands of statues \_\_\_\_\_  
 (make) the men. When the ruler died in 210 BCE, the statues \_\_\_\_\_  
 (bury) with him in a tomb. This incredible treasure \_\_\_\_\_ (forget)  
 for centuries, but in 1974 it \_\_\_\_\_ (find) Chinese farmers! When  
 the site \_\_\_\_\_ (excavate) archaeologists a few years later, more  
 than 6,000 statues \_\_\_\_\_ (discover). There were soldiers, horses,  
 musicians, and acrobats! Originally, the statues \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) in  
 different colors, but now the colors have gone. All the same, they are beautiful  
 because each statue is different! Can you see the differences?

