The Passive Voice

1. Write the past participle verb (verb3) to these verbs:

Present (Verb1)	Past (Verb2)	Past participle (Verb3)
look	looked	looked
do	did	
work	worked	
write	Wrote	Written
come	came	
tell	told	
eat	ate	

2. Read the rules of the passive and put the verb in brackets in a passive voice sentence according to the tense given, the first one is done for you:

Tense	Active	Passive
Present simple	He writes a letter.	**A letter is written.**
(eat) **the apple is eaten by the girl.**		
Present continuous	She is eating a mango.	**A mango is being eaten.**
(Wash)		
Present perfect	He has finished the work.	**The work has been finished.**
(work)		
Past simple	He bought a car.	**A car was bought.**
(take)		
Past perfect	They had won the competition.	The competition **had been won.**
(speak)		

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3. Complete this paragraph with present or past passive voice.

How paper is produced?

Add-dry-introduce-invent-mix-not make-not need-produce-use x2

Paper ..... from wood. The fibres of wood from trees ..... with water until they become a soft wet pulp, which ..... . This method of paper- making ..... in the second century BC in China. However, early writing material ..... always from wood. In fact, the word paper comes from papyrus plants which ..... Egyptians to make a form of paper in 30,000 BC. When machines for-paper making ..... in the 19th century, paper became easy to afford. Today, one of the problems with the huge production of paper is that a chemical called chlorine ..... to make the paper white. Recycling is important, because chlorine ..... and less energy ..... for recycled paper.

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