

Passive voice: Simple Past

Name: _____



The passive: Simple past

Affirmative and negative

Affirmative
The cloth was sewn in India.
Their cups were thrown away.
Negative
Shirin wasn't paid much.
The T-shirts weren't made locally.
by + agent
Polystyrene was discovered by Eduard Simon.
The birds were killed by plastic.
We use <i>by</i> + agent when it is important to know who or what did the action.

Questions and short answers

yes / no questions and short answers
Was the wood made into paper?
Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.
Were any animals killed by plastic last year?
Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.
Wh- questions
Where was paper invented ?
How many birds were killed by plastic?

- 1 **Complete the sentences with the simple past passive form of the verbs in parentheses.**

The wheel was invented before the year 3500 BC. (invent)

- 1 The Eiffel Tower _____ by Stephen Sauvestre. (design)
- 2 The meal _____ by my mom. (not cook)
- 3 The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco _____ in 1933. (build)
- 4 The swimmer _____ by a dolphin. (save)
- 5 Mike _____ in the car accident. (not hurt)
- 6 The *Harry Potter* books _____ by Suzanne Collins. (not write)
- 7 The song *Happy* _____ by Pharrell Williams. (sing)

2. Write sentences with the affirmative (✓) or negative (✗) passive simple past form of the verbs in the box.

award catch invent paint sing wear write



The Girl with the Pearl Earring was painted
by Vermeer. (✓)

- 1 Jason _____ the prize of Best Soccer Player. (✓)
- 2 *Shake it off* _____ by Beyoncé. (✗)
- 3 Large hats and long dresses _____ by women in the 19th century. (✓)
- 4 These fish _____ this morning. (✓)
- 5 The vacuum cleaner _____ in 1960. (✗)
- 6 *Pride and Prejudice* _____ by Charles Dickens. (✗)

- 3.

Write questions and affirmative (✓) or negative (✗) short answers in the passive simple past.



this / ice cream / make / in / Italy? (✓)

Was this ice cream made in Italy ? Yes, it was.

- 1 the burglars / catch (✗)

_____ ? _____.

- 2 Where / pizza / invent?

_____ ?

- 3 When / the cave paintings / find?

_____ ?

- 4 all / the litter / on the beach / clear? (✗)

_____ ? _____.

- 5 the baby monkeys / rescue? (✓)

_____ ? _____.