THE PASSIVE VOICE – EXERCISES

A/ active or passive voice ? (PRETERITE)

1. The Declaration of Independence _____ (adopt) on July 4, 1776.
2. The Civil War _____(win) by the Northern States and slavery _____(abolish).
3. The first transcontinental Railroad _____ in the 1860s. (BUILD)
4. From 1892 until 1954, more than 17 million immigrants _____ (enter) the USA.
5. At the end of the Second World War, in 1945, Europe _____ (devastate) and the USA _____(emerge) as the richest and most powerful country in the world.

B/ Complete these questions about the history of the USA. Use the passive voice. (PRETERITE)

1. _____ _____ the Declaration of Independence _____? (adopt)
– On July 4th, 1776
2. _____ _____ _____ (elect) president of the USA in 1789?
- George Washington.
3. _____ _____ Lakotas _____ _____(massacre) at Wounded Knee in 1890?
- About 150.
4. _____ _____ John F Kennedy _____(assassinate)?
- In Dallas.
5. _____ _____ _____(shoot) dead in 1968?
- Martin Luther King Jr

C/ USE THE RIGHT TENSE!

I * au présent (simple) : généralités, habitude

_____ /_____ / _____+_____

English .....in a lot of countries. (SPEAK)

I .....often ..... to meetings (NOT INVITE)

London museums ..... by a lot of people. (VISIT)

.....you often ..... questions about your girlfriend? (ASK)

II * present perfect : constat, lien avec le présent

_____ /_____+_____

My bike ..... ! (STEAL)

You can't come in, you ..... (NOT INVITE)

III * prétérit : évènement passé sans lien avec le présent.

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That play ..... by Shakespeare in the 16th century. (WRITE)

They ..... consoles for their birthdays. (GIVE)

Slavery ..... by Abraham Lincoln. (ABOLISH)

ML King ..... in 1968 (ASSASSINATE)

IV * modaux : possibilité, obligation, conseil, prédiction...

modal + be + _____

The new hospital ..... by the Queen. (OPEN - prédiction)

Developing countries ..... (HELP- conseil)

He's got a problem. He .....to hospital. (TAKE- obligation)

Pollution..... (LIMIT – conseil)

This box .....easily. (OPEN – possibilité)