

# Passive: Simple present and simple past

## 1 Use the prompts to write passive sentences with the tense in parentheses. Remember to use *by* where necessary.

this language / speak / in parts of South America (simple present)

This language is spoken in parts of South America.

1 TV / not watch / in my house (simple past)

2 movies / not produce / in this city (simple present)

3 these songs / sing / children around the world (simple past)

4 this documentary / make / in a studio (simple past)

5 the shows / not watch / millions of people (simple present)

## 2 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in the box.

set not ask take not hurt  
not make not sell save tell

In the movie we saw last night, the little boy was saved by a superhero.

- The main character \_\_\_\_\_—someone rescues him at the last second.
- I read that the decision to shoot the movie in Canada \_\_\_\_\_ by the director.
- When you enter the theater, you \_\_\_\_\_ you can't take pictures.
- Sorry, tickets \_\_\_\_\_ here. You have to buy them online.
- In the past, members of the audience \_\_\_\_\_ to their seats by a person called an usher.
- They're making a new movie. It stars a well-known actor and it \_\_\_\_\_ in New York City.
- The two actors \_\_\_\_\_ to come to last week's movie festival.

## 3 Use the prompts to write questions in the correct passive form. Then use the words in parentheses to answer them.

where / coffee / produce?

Where is coffee produced?

(in South American countries)

Coffee is produced in South American countries.

1 how many trees / cut down every year?

(over 3.5 billion)

2 In what year / *To Kill a Mockingbird* / write?

(1960)

3 when / the Academy Awards / start?

(1929)

4 what time / the news / show / on TV every evening?

(six o'clock)

## 4 Write a short description of how something is / was made using passive forms. You can use one of the ideas in the box or your own ideas.

orange juice a chocolate cake  
your school desk this piece of paper

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