

GRAMMAR

Past simple passive

1 Write full sentences, using the past simple passive.

1 The first / Ames room / construct / Adelbert Ames Jr

2 It / build / 1946

3 An Ames room / create / for / the film star's / latest / film

4 The actor / tell / not / to move

5 This trick / use / many / films

6 My photo / take / Ames room / museum / San Francisco

2 Choose the correct verb form.

1 The race *was won* / *is won* by an Olympic runner.

2 Every night, the news on TV *is read* / *was read* by the same lady.

3 The artists *were paid* / *are paid* to draw 3-D pictures on the wall of the shop.

4 My dad *was asked* / *is asked* to talk to the school about his job.

5 Every year, the poster for the music festival *are designed* / *is designed* by the school.

6 The illusion *was created* / *is created* to make people think in a different way.

7 That exercise *was done* / *is done* last week in class.

8 The adverts *was made* / *were made* in our studio in London.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use between one and three words.

1 My grandfather built the house 50 years ago.
The house was built by my grandfather 50 years ago.

2 Someone delivers our post every day.
Our post is delivered every day.

3 Our teacher showed us the illusion.
We were shown our teacher.

4 My friend did this painting.
This painting was done by my friend.

5 The film used a lot of 3-D graphics.
A lot of 3-D graphics were used in the film.

6 That place designed interesting clothes.
Interesting clothes were designed at that place.

7 Our team won the game.
The game was won by our team.

8 The magician made the rabbit disappear.
The rabbit was made to disappear by the magician.

4 Complete the text with the past simple passive form of the verbs in the box.

base call direct film
show tell write

FILM REVIEW

A film ¹ was shown in our local cinema last week. It ² was called *The Illusionist*. It ³ was directed by Neil Burger. The story ⁴ was based on a short story called *Eisenheim the Illusionist*. This story ⁵ was written by Steven Millhauser. My friend and I ⁶ were told the story by our teacher. According to one website, the story takes place in Austria, but actually it ⁷ is set in the Czech Republic.

5 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a We have been making optical illusions together since we were born.
b We have been making optical illusions together since we were born.

2 a It was my 15th birthday party, and the place where the party was organised was in a park.
b It was my 15th birthday party, and the place where was organised the party was in a park.

3 a A street in Tokyo was covered in 3-D art.
b A street in Tokyo were covered in 3-D art.

4 a He looked shy, but then I got to know him better and was surprised of all the things we had in common.
b He looked shy, but then I got to know him better and was surprised by all the things we had in common.

5 a The first city that we visited was called Vienne.
b The first city that we visited we call Vienne.

