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Simple present and simple past passives

A **Complete the paragraphs. Circle the correct words.**

I never used to like history lessons at school. The teacher never ***was brought / brought*** (1.) history to life, and it was really boring. We ***were always told / always told*** (2.) to just read out long passages from textbooks to the class. You never ***were known / knew*** (3.) when it was going to be your turn and then, suddenly, you ***were chosen / chose*** (4.) by the teacher to read the next paragraph.

Since then, I ***discovered / was discovered*** (5.) that history is actually really interesting. I ***was shown / shown*** (6.) some really interesting documentaries over the years by friends. Recently, I ***took / was taken*** (7.) a course on twentieth century history. We ***were given / gave*** (8.) various topics to research and presented to the class. It was absolutely fascinating. I hope children ***are taught / teach*** (9.) history in a similar way at school these days.

B **Use the prompts to make sentences in the passive. Use the tense in brackets.**

1. Julie / not tell / about / the changes (simple past)

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2. fantastic books / write / all the time (simple present)

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3. a new stadium / build / for the World Cup (simple past)

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4. what / discuss / at the meeting? (simple past)

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5. I / not call on / in class today (simple past)

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6. first successful photograph / produce / Joseph N. Niépce / in 1826 (simple past)

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7. English / speak / here (simple present)

   _____

8. my car / repair (simple past)

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9. who / won / the last World Cup? (simple past)

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