

Passives 7

1. Use these verbs to make sentences in the simple past passive.

climb • fly • invent • launch • lose • open • re-unit

Important events in the 20th century

1903	The first aeroplane by the Wright brothers.
1929	Billions of dollars in the Wall Street Crash.
1953	Mount Everest by Hillary and Tensing.
1969	Apollo 11 from Cape Kennedy on its mission to the moon.
1977	The first popular personal computer by Jobs and Wozniak of the Apple Corporation.
1989-1990	The Berlin wall came down; East and West Germany
1994	The Channel Tunnel between England and France.

2. Turn the active sentences into passive ones. Be careful about tenses!

1. She has cleaned the room.

The room

2. They don't grow coffee in Scotland.

Coffee

3. Apple developed the iPod.

The iPod

4. We speak French and German here.

French and German

5. They accept credit cards.

Credit cards

6. My father gave me this watch.

I

7. They speak Chinese in Singapore.

Chinese

8. They'll open the new hospital next year.
The new hospital
9. They ask passengers not to speak to the driver.
Passengers
10. People who watch birds have seen all of these birds in Britain.
All of these birds
11. Mountain climbers first climbed Everest in 1953.
Everest
12. They have translated my sister's books into thirty languages.
My sister's books
13. The government will open three new prisons next year.
Three new prisons
14. Two teenage boys stole his car.
His car
15. The police arrested the murderer after the long investigation.
The murderer