

STAL

Passives 2

The passive = verb to be + the past participle of the main verb

Complete the table with the past participles (Answers on page 3)

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>to be</u>	<u>Past Participle</u>	
Present Simple	Those computers	..... are	(make) made	in South Korea.
Present Continuous*	New labs	.....	(build)	on the campus.
Past Simple	The insects	.....	(find)	on olive-trees.
Past Continuous*	The conference	.....	(hold)	in the auditorium.
Present Perfect	This article	.....	(write)	in English.
Past Perfect	The students	.....	(tell)	about the dead-line.
Future <i>going to</i>	The research		(do)	in Sicily next year.
Future <i>will/shall</i>	The equipment	.....	(buy)	by the university.

* the passive form: *to be + being + past participle*

IMPORTANT

Agent: Bread was made **by students.**

Instrument: Bread was made **using a special machine.**

Agent and instrument: Bread was made **by students using a special machine.**

1 Complete the sentence with the past simple passive form of the verb in brackets.

- a In ancient times, fires (light) were lit to use smoke as a signal over long distances.
- b Morse code (invent) by an American called Samuel Morse.
- c The world's first television images (show) to scientists in Scotland in 1926.
- d Radios (use) to broadcast coded messages during the Second World War.
- e The World Wide Web (design) originally to make it easier for nuclear physics researchers to communicate.
- f Buying books and CDs over the Internet (make) popular by the company Amazon.
- g The first mobile phones with cameras (sell) in Japan.
- h Vinyl albums and tapes (replace) by CDs, which are now being replaced by mp3.
- i The first English dictionary (write) by Robert Cawdrey in 1604.
- j The first mass-produced cars (introduce) by the Ford company in the USA.

2 Read the text and underline all the subject, verb and object structures. Then rewrite the text using present simple passive verbs. Leave out any unnecessary words.

How a toy car is made

In the factory, they use a computer to plan the exact shape of the car. They then feed this computer program into a machine, and produce a plastic prototype. Then they produce the actual toy cars in a factory abroad. As far as construction is concerned, they make the bodies of the cars from plastic. They add small electric motors to the cars, and then they paint them. They also attach licence plates. Quality control inspects the cars and then they wrap them and pack them into cardboard boxes. They ship the cars to Britain.

- a As a first step, a computer is used to plan the exact shape of the car.
- b Then and
- c The actual
- d The bodies
- e Small
Licence
- f At the next stage,
- g Finally, Britain.

Passives 2 Answers

Tabella

Ex 1: Simple present: are made/ Present continuous: are being built

Simple past: were found/ Past continuous: was being held

Present perfect: has been written/ Past perfect: had been told

Future *going to*: is going to be done/ Future *will/shall*: will be bought

Exercise 1: Simple past

b was invented c were shown d were used e was designed f was made g were sold

h were replaced i was written j were introduced

Ex 2: How a toy car is made

b Then this computer program is fed into a machine and a plastic prototype is produced.

c The actual toy cars are made in a factory abroad.

d The bodies of the cars are made from plastic.

e Small electric motors are added to the cars and then they are painted.

Licence plates are also attached.

f At the next stage, the cars are inspected by quality control inspectors and then they are wrapped and packed into cardboard boxes.

g Finally, the cars are shipped to Britain.