

# Past Simple Passive

was / were + past participle

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## KEY RULE:

Past Passive = was/were + past participle. Use when the action matters more than who did it.

### 1 Choose was or were

**EASY**

Choose was or were.

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. She ____ offered the job last week. | 2. We ____ not informed about change.     |
| 3. The bridge ____ built in 1890.      | 4. The documents ____ signed by director. |
| 5. The cars ____ stolen from car park. | 6. The paintings ____ damaged in fire.    |
| 7. The windows ____ broken in storm.   | 8. The match ____ cancelled due to rain.  |
| 9. The letter ____ sent yesterday.     | 10. I ____ told about the meeting.        |

### 2 Write the passive form

**MEDIUM**

Write was/were + past participle.

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Eiffel Tower ____ (build) in 1889.          | 2. Three people ____ (arrest) after incident. |
| 3. The email ____ (send) to wrong address.     | 4. The results ____ (announce) at noon.       |
| 5. She ____ (give) a prize for her work.       | 6. Children ____ (pick up) by grandmother.    |
| 7. The old hospital ____ (demolish) last year. | 8. I ____ (not/invite) to the party.          |
| 9. Two new schools ____ (open) in area.        | 10. The report ____ (write) by the head.      |

### 3 Active or Past Passive?

**HARD**

Choose active or passive.

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Scientists ____ a new planet last year. | 2. A new planet ____ by scientists last year. |
| 3. The fire ____ quickly by fire brigade.  | 4. The fire brigade ____ the fire fast.       |
| 5. The contract ____ by both parties.      | 6. Both parties ____ the contract.            |
| 7. Leonardo da Vinci ____ the Mona Lisa.   | 8. The Mona Lisa ____ by Leonardo.            |
| 9. Many houses ____ in earthquake.         | 10. The earthquake ____ thousands of homes.   |

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## Active to Passive

HARDER

Write passive verb phrase only.

1. Someone stole my wallet. !' My wallet P\_o\_l\_i\_c\_e arrested three suspects. !' susp
  3. They built church in 15th century. !' c\_h\_u\_r\_c\_h
  5. Someone broke the window. !' window M\_a\_n\_a\_g\_e\_r fired two employees. !' emplo
  7. They showed film at festival. !' film
  9. Company launched product in March. !' p\_r\_o\_d\_u\_c\_t\_s
2. S\_h\_o\_r\_t\_s wrote Hamlet. !' Hamlet
  4. S\_h\_o\_r\_t\_s wrote Hamlet. !' Hamlet
  6. M\_a\_n\_a\_g\_e\_r fired two employees. !' emplo
  8. S\_o\_m\_e\_o\_n\_e left lights on all night. !' lig
  10. T\_h\_o\_u\_s\_a\_n\_d\_s saw the match. !' match

# Answer Key

Check your answers below

## 1 Exercise 1 was / were

1 was

2 were

3 was

4 were

5 were

6 were

7 were

8 was

9 was

10 was

## 2 Exercise 2 Passive forms

1 was built

2 were arrested

3 was sent

4 were announced

5 was given

6 were picked up

7 was demolished

8 was not invited

9 were opened

10 was written

## 3 Exercise 3 Active/Passive

1 discovered (active)

2 was discovered

3 was put out

4 put out (active)

5 was signed

6 signed (active)

7 painted (active)

8 was painted

9 were destroyed

10 destroyed (active)

## 4 Exercise 4 Passive phrases

1 was stolen

2 were arrested

3 was built

4 was written

5 was broken

6 were fired

7 was shown

8 were left

9 was launched

10 was seen