Grammar Reference

The passive (present simple and past simple)

9.1 We form the passive with the correct tense of the verb *be* and the past participle.

These cars are made in China. (present)

This computer was made in Japan. (past)

The passive can be affirmative, negative or interrogative.

Present simple Affirmative They are powered by electricity. Negative Cricket isn't played in many countries. Questions and short answers Past simple It was powered by steam. Basketball wasn't played in the 18th century.

Are they grown in Europe? Was it built by the Romans? Yes, they are. / No, they aren't. Yes, it was. / No, it wasn't.

9.2 We use the passive when either we do not know who or

what performed the action, or we do not want to focus on who or what performed the action.

My laptop was stolen last weekend.

If we want to say who performed the action, we use *by*. My house was designed by a famous architect.

9.3 When we use adverbs with the passive, we usually put them immediately before the past participle.

Phones are often used as video cameras. It was probably discovered by the Ancient Greeks.

1964

Colour TV sets 9

than by radio broadcasters

the USA

1954

More money 8

(earn) by TV broadcasters

(televise) for the first

(buy) by families across

1947

Baseball games

1940

Colour TV sets '

(demonstrate) by CBS in

New York

The first BBC TV programmes

A television image

(send) from England

(broadcast) on the radio

to the USA for the first time

The first television set

(sell)

The passive (present perfect and future)

9.4 We form the present perfect passive like this: present perfect of the verb be + past participle of the main verb

Affirmative

The room has been tidied.

Negative

The room hasn't been tidied.

Questions and short answers

Has the room been tidied? Yes, it has. / No, it hasn't.

9.5 We form the future passive like this: will / won't + be + past participle of the main verb

Affirmative

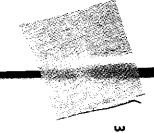
Teachers will be replaced by robots.

Negative

Teachers won't be replaced by robots.

Questions and short answers

Will teachers be replaced by robots? Yes, they will. / No, they won't.



form of the verbs in brackets. ***

Complete the description using the present simple passive

Most newspapers

Nowadays, most food

The museum
Good food ___

served every night in our restaurant

renovated two years ago

viewed over a million times that day

made in factories

published online these days.

broadcast about 90 years

The first TV programmes

Every year, we

invited to my aunt's house for New

Year, but we never go!

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The first radio broadcast

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KDKA in the USA

The first soap opera, The Smith Family, 2

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