

The Passive: Present simple / Past simple

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★ 1 Completa le frasi usando la forma passiva corretta del *Present simple* dei verbi tra parentesi.



- In Britain some medicines _____ (sell) in supermarkets.
- Millions of text messages _____ (send) every day.
- Chianti _____ (produce) in Tuscany.
- English _____ (speak) all over the world.
- Some websites _____ (visit) by thousands of people every day.
- A lot of films _____ (make) in the United States.
- Pizza _____ (eat) all over the world.
- All credit cards _____ (accept) in this restaurant.
- The Financial Times* _____ (write) in English.
- This programme _____ (watch) by millions of people.

★ 2 Completa le frasi usando la forma passiva corretta del *Past simple* dei verbi tra parentesi.

- The Ferrari California _____ (design) by Pininfarina.
- Avatar* _____ (direct) by James Cameron.
- The World Wide Web _____ (invent) by Tim Berners-Lee.
- The 2010 World Cup _____ (win) by Spain.
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* _____ (write) by J.K. Rowling.
- The 2008 Olympic Games _____ (hold) in Beijing.
- The Statue of Liberty _____ (build) in France.
- David Beckham _____ (buy) by Real Madrid in 2003.
- The *Mona Lisa* _____ (paint) by Leonardo da Vinci.
- The *Nabucco* _____ (compose) by Verdi.

★★ 3 Completa l'articolo con la forma passiva corretta del *Past simple* dei verbi tra parentesi.

Young people are healthy, sporting, and conscientious about school

A survey ¹ _____ (carry) out last month to find out about the lives of young Britons. The results of the survey ² _____ (publish) in all major newspapers yesterday. The survey ³ _____ (develop) to improve local authorities' services to young people. More than 111,000 youngsters ⁴ _____ (interview). Questionnaires ⁵ _____ (send) to schools or ⁶ _____ (email) to youth clubs nationwide. The questions in the survey ⁷ _____ (design) to reflect the priorities set out in the Government's Every Child Matters initiative which ⁸ _____ (launch) last month. 86% of the participants think they are quite or very healthy and 73% take part in sports. 50% of respondents plan to go to university when they leave school. The information that emerged from the survey ⁹ _____ (give) to schools and local authorities who can compare their results with the national picture.

★★ 4 Completa le frasi con la forma passiva corretta (*Present simple* o *Past simple*) dei verbi tra parentesi.

- Spanish _____ (speak) by millions of people in the USA.
- The first Harry Potter book _____ (publish) in 1997.
- All rooms _____ (clean) every morning.
- Facebook _____ (start) in 2006.
- Google _____ (found) by Larry Page and Sergey Brin.
- In Britain football matches _____ (play) on Saturdays.
- Penicillin _____ (discover) by Alexander Fleming.
- Reality shows _____ (watch) by millions of people.
- In Italy stamps _____ (sell) in tobacconists'.
- The British Museum _____ (visit) by thousands of people every year.

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★★ 5 Usa i suggerimenti dati per scrivere frasi complete con la forma passiva corretta (*Present simple* o *Past simple*).

- 1 *The Da Vinci Code* / publish / 2003

- 2 German / speak / some parts of Italy

- 3 Microsoft / found / Bill Gates

- 4 Nowadays / a lot of products / sell / Internet

- 5 Twitter / start / 2007

- 6 Rice / grow / China and India

- 7 The Eiffel Tower / build / nineteenth century

- 8 Golf / usually / play / summer

- 9 The album / release / 2010

- 10 Lots of interesting programmes / broadcast / radio

★★ 6 Riscrivi le frasi trasformandole dall'attivo al passivo. Indica il complemento d'agente solo quando è importante.

- 1 They make a lot of cars in Korea.

- 2 A lot of people in Pakistan play cricket.

- 3 The IT teacher took the students to a computer fair.

- 4 A technician repaired my computer.

- 5 Mark Chapman killed John Lennon in 1980.

- 6 Novak Djokovic won Wimbledon in 2011.

- 7 Robert invited Alison to the school party.

- 8 They serve lunch from 12.00 to 2 p.m.

- 9 A lot of people use computers to buy their holidays.

- 10 They speak Portuguese in Brazil.

★★★ 7 Leggi il brano e sottolinea le frasi che potrebbero essere volte in forma passiva. Riscrivi poi le frasi che hai sottolineato volgendole al passivo.

A brief history of the Internet

People consider the Internet to be the driving force for change in all aspects of human communications. But how did it all start?

In 1969 the US government funded a special project: they called it ARPANET (Advanced Research Project Agency Network). At first, they limited the project to military matters, but later they connected many universities to facilitate the exchange of information via computer. Everybody considers Vinton Cerf to be the father of the Internet: he devised a program which he first used at the University of Los Angeles. However, the Internet became popular only 20 years later. In 1989 the staff at CERN in Geneva developed the World Wide Web. In 1991 an American student wrote a revolutionary program: he called it Mosaic. This is a hypertext system which contains text, images, sound and video. This system links documents to each other. Today telephone lines connect millions of computers.

★★★ 8 TRANSLATION Traduci.

- 1 Il festival è stato organizzato per la prima volta nel 1970.

- 2 Dove sono fatti i migliori gelati?

- 3 Queste scarpe non sono prodotte in Italia.

- 4 La radio è stata inventata da Marconi?

- 5 Il programma è trasmesso in duecento paesi.

- 6 La partita è stata vinta dalla nostra squadra.

- 7 I soldi sono stati trovati in una borsa nera.

- 8 Quante lingue si parlano in Italia?

- 9 L'uomo è stato arrestato ieri mattina.

- 10 Questo articolo è scritto da un giornalista francese.
