The Passive: Present simple / Past simple

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

1 In Britain some medicines ___________ (sell) in supermarkets.
2 Millions of text messages ___________ (send) every day.
3 Chianti ___________ (produce) in Tuscany.
4 English ___________ (speak) all over the world.
5 Some websites ___________ (visit) by thousands of people every day.
6 A lot of films ___________ (make) in the United States.
7 Pizza ___________ (eat) all over the world.
8 All credit cards ___________ (accept) in this restaurant.
9 The Financial Times ___________ (write) in English.
10 This programme ___________ (watch) by millions of people.

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

1 The Ferrari California ___________ (design) by Pininfarina.
2 Avatar ___________ (direct) by James Cameron.
3 The World Wide Web ___________ (invent) by Tim Berners-Lee.
4 The 2010 World Cup ___________ (win) by Spain.
5 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows ___________ (write) by J.K. Rowling.
6 The 2008 Olympic Games ___________ (hold) in Beijing.
7 The Statue of Liberty ___________ (build) in France.
8 David Beckham ___________ (buy) by Real Madrid in 2003.
9 The Mona Lisa ___________ (paint) by Leonardo da Vinci.
10 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.

1 Spanish ___________ (speak) by millions of people in the USA.
2 The first Harry Potter book ___________ (publish) in 1997.
3 All rooms ___________ (clean) every morning.
4 Facebook ___________ (start) in 2006.
5 Google ___________ (found) by Larry Page and Sergey Brin.
6 In Britain football matches ___________ (play) on Saturdays.
7 Penicillin ___________ (discover) by Alexander Fleming.
8 Reality shows ___________ (watch) by millions of people.
9 In Italy stamps ___________ (sell) in tobacconists’.
10 The British Museum ___________ (visit) by thousands of people every year.
** 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.

** 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.