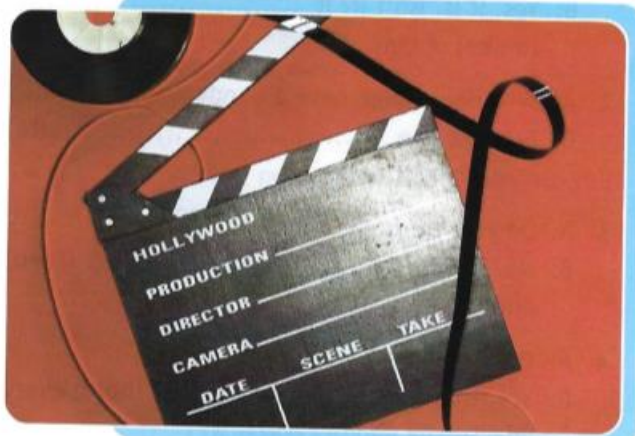


The Passive (present simple, past simple)

1 Fill in: *is, are, was or were*.

- 1 *Anthony and Cleopatra* ► *was* written by Shakespeare.
- 2 A talent show competition organised by our school every year.
- 3 Chevrolet cars made in America.
- 4 A documentary on dinosaurs shown on TV last Saturday.
- 5 We invited to a barbecue last week.
- 6 The Olympics held every four years.
- 7 The museum visited by thousands of tourists every year.
- 8 The building destroyed by a fire last year.
- 9 The offices cleaned twice a week.
- 10 The TV invented by John Baird in 1926.

2 How are films made? Turn the following sentences into the *present simple passive* form.



- 1 A screenwriter writes the script.
► *The script is written by a screenwriter.*
- 2 A film producer buys the script.
.....
- 3 A director directs the film.
.....
- 4 Actors play the characters.
.....
- 5 A cameraman shoots the scenes.
.....
- 6 The film company produces the motion picture.
.....
- 7 They show the film in cinemas.
.....

3 Rewrite the sentences in the *past simple passive* form. Use the agent where necessary.



The Chronicles of Narnia Series

- 1 C.S. Lewis wrote 'The Chronicles of Narnia' series.
► *'The Chronicles of Narnia' series were written by C.S. Lewis.*
- 2 The author borrowed ideas from Greek and Roman mythology.
- 3 They published the first book in 1949.
.....
- 4 They translated the series into 41 languages.
.....
- 5 Disney turned the book into a film in 2005.
.....

4 Make sentences in the *present simple passive* or the *past simple passive*, as in the example.

- 1 the 'Mona Lisa' / not paint / Picasso
► *The 'Mona Lisa' wasn't painted by Picasso.*
- 2 rock concerts / not organise / in our town / every year
.....
- 3 the letters / not type / the secretary / yesterday
.....
- 4 John / not often invite / to parties
.....
- 5 the house / not paint / last Sunday
.....

5 Use the words to write questions and answers, as in the example.

- 1 the 'Sistine Chapel' / paint? Michelangelo
Who ► *was 'the Sistine Chapel' painted by?*
It was painted by Michelangelo.
- 2 the first spaceship/launch? in the Soviet Union
Where
- 3 Empire State Building/complete? 1931
When
- 4 the television/invent? John Baird
Who
- 5 the first *Star Wars* film/release? in 1977
When
- 6 *Little Women*/write? Louisa May Alcott
Who
- 7 the Taj Mahal/build? in memory of Emperor Shan Jahan's wife
Why

6 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct *passive form*.

Hannah Montana is a popular TV series that 1) ► *is produced* (produce) by the Disney Channel. It is about a teenage girl called Miley Stewart who leads a double life: by day Miley is an ordinary school kid, while at night she is a famous pop star called Hannah Montana. The

characters, Miley and Hannah 2) (play) by the actress Miley Cyrus.

Miley Cyrus 3) (be/born) in 1992. She 4) (choose) to play the leading role of Hannah Montana in the series when she was just 14. Hannah Montana is so popular with young Americans that Miley Cyrus is now one of the most famous teens in the USA. And her fame has brought her wealth! In 2007, Miley Cyrus 5) (rank) number 17 in the list of top USA earners under the age of 25.



7 Match the words in the columns and make sentences, as in the example.

A	B	C
The <i>Harry Potter</i> stories	win	Steven Spielberg
The 2006 World Cup	discover	Athens
The film <i>Jaws</i>	locate	1492
The USA	write	Italy
The Parthenon	direct	J.K. Rowling

1 ► *The Harry Potter stories were written by J.K. Rowling.*

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

8 Fill in the correct *passive tense* of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: What an amazing vase!
B: Yes, it is, isn't it? It (make) of clay.
- 2 A: Why does Helen have a bandage on her arm?
B: Because she (bite) by a dog yesterday.
- 3 A: Do your birds eat a lot?
B: No. They (feed) once a day, that's all.
- 4 A: Do you know when the Oscars are?
B: Yes, they (hold) every year at the end of February.
- 5 A: That necklace is beautiful!
B: Thank you. It (give) to me last year on my graduation day.
- 6 A: Did you go to Steve's wedding?
B: No, we (not/invite).
- 7 A: This house is very old.
B: Yes. It (build) in 1950.