

# is done was done (passive 1)

A



The office **is cleaned** every day.

The office **was cleaned** yesterday.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **cleans** the office every day. (active)

The office **is cleaned** every day. (passive)

Somebody **cleaned** the office yesterday. (active)

The office **was cleaned** yesterday. (passive)

B

The passive is:

					<i>past participle</i>
<i>present simple</i>	<b>am/is/are</b>	(not)	+	<b>cleaned</b>	<b>done</b>
<i>past simple</i>	<b>was/were</b>			<b>invented</b>	<b>built</b>
				<b>injured</b>	<b>taken</b> etc.

The past participle of regular verbs is **-ed** (cleaned/damaged etc.).

For a list of irregular past participles (**done/built/taken** etc.), see Appendix 2–3.

- Butter **is made** from milk.
- Oranges **are imported** into Britain.
- How often **are** these rooms **cleaned**?
- I **am** never **invited** to parties.
- This house **was built** 100 years ago.
- These houses **were built** 100 years ago.
- When **was** the telephone **invented**?
- We **weren't invited** to the party last week.
- 'Was anybody **injured** in the accident?' 'Yes, two people **were taken** to hospital.'

C

**was/were born**

- I **was born** in Berlin in 1989. (*not* I am born)
- 'Where **were** you **born**?' 'In Cairo.'

D

*passive + by ...*

- The telephone was invented **by Alexander Bell** in 1876. (= Alexander Bell invented it)
- I was bitten **by a dog** a few days ago.
- Do you like these paintings? They were painted **by a friend of mine**.

1 Write sentences from these words. Some of the sentences are questions.

Sentences 1-7 are present.

- 1 (the office / clean / every day)
- 2 (these rooms / clean / every day?)
- 3 (glass / make / from sand)
- 4 (stamps / sell / in a post office)
- 5 (this room / not / use / very often)
- 6 (we / allow / to park here?)
- 7 (how / this word / pronounce?)

The office is cleaned every day.  
 Are these rooms cleaned every day?  
 Glass .....

Sentences 8-15 are past.

- 8 (the office / clean / yesterday)
- 9 (the house / paint / last month)
- 10 (my phone / steal / a few days ago)
- 11 (three people / injure / in the accident)
- 12 (when / this bridge / build?)
- 13 (I / not / wake up / by the noise)
- 14 (how / these windows / break?)
- 15 (you / invite / to Jon's party last week?)

The office was cleaned yesterday.  
 The house .....

2 These sentences are not correct. Correct them.

- 1 This house built 100 years ago.
- 2 Football plays in most countries of the world.
- 3 Why did the letter send to the wrong address?
- 4 A garage is a place where cars repair.
- 5 Where are you born?
- 6 How many languages are speaking in Switzerland?
- 7 Somebody broke into our house, but nothing stolen.
- 8 When was invented the bicycle?

This house was built  
 .....  
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3 Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:

~~clean~~ damage find give invite make make show steal take

- 1 The room is cleaned every day.
- 2 I saw an accident yesterday. Two people were taken to hospital.
- 3 Paper ..... from wood.
- 4 There was a fire at the hotel last week. Two of the rooms .....
- 5 'Where did you get this picture?' 'It ..... to me by a friend of mine.'
- 6 Many American programmes ..... on British television.
- 7 'Did Jim and Sue go to the wedding?' 'No. They ....., but they didn't go.'
- 8 'How old is this film?' 'It ..... in 1965.'
- 9 My car ..... last week, but the next day it ..... by the police.

4 Where were they born?

- 1 (Ian / Edinburgh) Ian was born in Edinburgh.
- 2 (Sally / Manchester) Sally .....
- 3 (her parents / Ireland) Her .....
- 4 (you / ???) I .....
- 5 (your mother / ???) .....