

Present simple passive

- 1** Complete the text using present simple passive verbs. Use the notes about how a chair is made.

- 1 *cut down trees in forest*
- 2 *take wood to factory*
- 3 *cut wood into correct size and shape*
- 4 *paint wood*
- 5 *put together to make chair*
- 6 *take chairs to shop*

First of all, the trees (1) _____ down in the forest. Then, the wood (2) _____ to a factory. In the factory, it (3) _____ into the correct size and shape. Then it (4) _____ in different colours. Next it (5) _____ together to make a chair. Finally, the chairs (6) _____ to the shop and sold.

- 2** Rewrite these active sentences as passive sentences.

- 1 Someone cleans the house every week.

- 2 They turn off the lights at night.

- 3 They serve breakfast in the restaurant from 7:00.

- 4 They make those cakes in their kitchen at home.

- 5 Do they play music in the concert hall every night?

- 6 They drive their cars too fast on this road.

Past simple passive and by

- 3** Choose the best answer (a, b or c).

- 1 The first mobile phone call ____ Martin Cooper in 1973.
a) was made by b) made by c) was made
- 2 1984 ____ George Orwell in 1948.
a) wrote by b) wrote c) was written by
- 3 Colour TVs ____ until 1954.
a) were sold b) sold c) weren't sold
- 4 My grandfather ____ this house in the 1930s.
a) was built b) built c) was built by

- 5 We ____ this video game by my best friend.
a) were given by b) gave by c) were given
- 6 My dad ____ my room while I was at school today.
a) was painted b) painted c) was painted by

- 4** Use the prompts to write sentences in the active or passive form of the past simple.

- 1 Picasso / paint / this picture / in 1938

- 2 this photo / take / my cousin / on holiday

- 3 the table / not buy / at this shop

- 4 these books / write / by Suzanne Collins

- 5 I / help / my grandmother / with the cooking / yesterday

- 6 the grass / cut / by our neighbour / this morning

Unit round-up

- 5** Complete the text with the correct passive or active form of the verbs in brackets.



An unusual place to live

My family (1) _____ (live) in an old railway station. It was built about 130 years ago when trains were the most popular way to travel and nearly every town in the country had a station. For 25 years, my grandfather was the station manager there.

The station (2) _____ (close) by the railway company about 20 years ago. At that time, trains (3) _____ (not use) by the people in our village because most people drove cars. For about 15 years, the building (4) _____ (leave) and nothing was done. The windows (5) _____ (break) and all the furniture was taken out. It was very sad.

Then one day, a sign (6) _____ (put) outside. It said 'For sale'. I told my mum and dad, and we went to look at it. Three months later, they (7) _____ (buy) it. It was another six months before we could live in it. But now it's amazing. It still looks like a railway station and we (8) _____ (often / visit) by people who want to take a train or just look around.