

Present and past passive: affirmative and negative

1 Rewrite the sentences using the passive form.

In this new science fiction film, aliens saved the boy from the monster.

In this new science fiction film, the boy was saved from the monster by aliens.

1 Some workmen repaired this road yesterday.

2 Someone usually parks a car in front of our house.

3 Cleaners don't clean the classrooms in our school every day.

4 According to the legend, someone hid the treasure in this castle two hundred years ago.

5 Jane Austen didn't write *Hamlet*.

6 In this graphic novel, a group of kids build a time machine.

7 Students didn't organize the protest.

8 They used the Tower of London as a prison until 1952.

9 You don't always use butter to make cakes.

Present and past passive: questions

2 Write questions for the answers. Use the words in the box and the present or past passive form of the verbs.

the children's bikes / keep
breakfast / serve / in this café
different languages / teach / at your school
your grandpa / take / to hospital
your phone / repair
your windows / wash

1 _____?
Every three or four weeks. We live on a busy road, so they get quite dirty.

2 _____?
Yes, Spanish, German and French, but you can only choose two.

3 _____?
No! The man in the shop told me to get a new one.

4 _____?
Between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. in the morning.

5 _____?
Usually in the garage.

6 _____?
No, but he didn't feel well, so we called the doctor last night.

3 Read the dialogue. Then rewrite it using the passive form.

Sally ¹Someone broke into the city museum last night.

John ²Did they steal anything?

Sally Yes, ³the thief took some old photographs.

John ⁴Did someone inform the police?

Sally Yes, ⁵the museum told the police this morning.

John Were they able to help?

Sally It's hard to say. ⁶The police interviewed a man about two hours ago.

John ⁷Did they arrest him?

Sally No, but when he left, ⁸the police found the missing photos on the floor.

John That is weird!

Sally ¹_____ last night.

John ²_____?

Sally Yes, ³_____.

John ⁴_____?

Sally Yes, ⁵_____ this morning.

John Were they able to help?

Sally It's hard to say.

⁶_____ about two hours ago.

John ⁷_____?

Sally No, but when he left,

⁸_____ on the floor.

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