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The passive (1)

A Complete the sentences by using the verbs in the box in the present simple or past simple passive.

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- 1 The British Library _____ in St Pancras, London.
- 2 The students _____ to use a monolingual dictionary in their English lessons.
- 3 Buckingham Palace _____ in the 18th century.
- 4 Many novels _____ because of the picture on the front cover.
- 5 Last year, the students _____ by Mrs Shipley.
- 6 A lot of money _____ every year on textbooks.
- 7 This morning, I _____ up at 5 a.m. by the neighbours' baby.
- 8 _____ *The Picture of Dorian Gray* _____ by Oscar Wilde?
- 9 Sally has loads of cookbooks, but they _____ very often.
- 10 Who _____ these comics _____ by?

B Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- 1 J.K.Rowling created Harry Potter.

- 2 Last night the police arrested lots of football hooligans.

- 3 British teenagers buy a lot of magazines and comics.

- 4 Pixie Lott sang *Boys and Girls*.

- 5 The bookshop puts on monthly poetry-reading evenings.

- 6 Fortunately, the lifeguard rescued the small boy, who was drowning.

- 7 On the train yesterday, someone stole my iPod from my bag.

- 8 A mechanic services my car twice a year.

- 9 People often tell me that I look like Keira Knightley.

- 10 The tour guide advised us to put on insect repellent before going into the forest.

C Ask your partner the questions and make a note of his / her answers. Give as much detail as possible in your answers!

When was the last time you ...

- were given a present?
- were sent a text message?
- were photographed?
- were given a compliment?
- were hugged or kissed?
- were told off?
- were invited to a party?
- were asked a question you couldn't answer?