

The passive present and past; active and passive

1 ☆ Tick (✓) the four sentences that have a passive verb.

- This camera was given to me by my uncle.
- He travels all over the world to take photos of the natural world.
- Some nature photographers are followed online by thousands of fans.
- Most people enjoy looking at photos of amazing scenery.
- Some of his best photos were posted online last month.
- Some of his photos are taken at night.

2 ☆☆ Choose the correct form of the verbs.

Did you know?

The oldest photograph that still exists **1** _____ in the 1820s. It **2** _____ the view from the photographer's window.

Early cameras **3** _____ about 30 minutes to take photo, so people **4** _____ to sit still all that time!

The first digital cameras **5** _____ in the 1970s.

Polaroid cameras **6** _____ popular in the 1970s. They **7** _____ photos, then they **8** _____ them for you about five minutes later.

The biggest photo in the world **9** _____ in 2015. It shows Mont Blanc and would be the size of a football field if it was printed out!

In 2011, someone **10** _____ a photo in New York for \$4,338,500 - the most expensive photograph ever!

In 2010, the first photograph **11** _____ to Instagram.

Now, over one billion photos **12** _____ on social media every day!

- a is taken b was taken c taken
- a shows b is shown c was shown
- a are needed b needed c were needed
- a are told b told c were told
- a made b are made c were made
- a became b was become c were become
- a are taken b were taken c took
- a is printed b was printed c printed
- a was taken b are taken c is taken
- a is bought b bought c was bought
- a uploaded b are uploaded c was uploaded
- a is posted b are posted c posted

3 ☆☆ Write the present or past simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- Fewer cameras are sold (sell) nowadays because most people have a camera on their phone.
- This photo _____ (take) last year.
- I'd love to study photography, but it _____ (not teach) in my school.
- This camera costs £89, but the extra lenses _____ (not include) in that price.
- Not many people saw the photos because they _____ (not post) online.

4 ☆☆ Complete the text. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

No more selfies with animals?

In wildlife parks all over the world, tourists **1** are offered (offer) the chance to hold a wild animal and take a selfie, and most people **2** _____ (love) doing this! A lot of these photos **3** _____ (post) online, and other people then **4** _____ (search) for them. But recently, warnings **5** _____ (introduce) on the social media site Instagram about these 'animal selfies'. The company **6** _____ (ask) to do this by wildlife experts. A lot of experts are worried that many wild animals **7** _____ (hurt) each year by tourists holding them to take photos. It seems that in some wildlife parks, wild animals **8** _____ (keep) in cages and only allowed out to entertain the tourists. Posting the photos online only **9** _____ (encourage) these behaviours.

5 ☆☆☆ Read the information. Then complete the sentences using passive verbs.

2019 TOWN PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Carlo Rossi from Italy won the top prize. He took photos on several different continents. His photos show normal people doing their daily activities.

The judges gave the prize of Young Town Photographer of the Year to Tamara Easton, from the USA. She took her winning photos in Canada. In one of her photos, we see a boy playing football in the street.

- The top prize _____ by Carlo Rossi from Italy.
- His photos _____ continents.
- Tamara Easton's winning photos _____ in Canada.
- In one of her photos, a boy _____.

The passive: questions and answers

1 ☆ Match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

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| 1 Who was her dress designed by? | a It's made of wood. |
| 2 Is this Art Festival held every year? | b Yes, it was. |
| 3 Are the prints produced in London? | c It was kept in the museum. |
| 4 Where was the painting kept? | d It was designed by Stella McCartney. |
| 5 What is the sculpture made of? | e Yes, it is. |
| 6 Was the installation moved to Paris? | f Yes, they are. |

2 ☆☆ Choose the correct words to complete the passive questions.

- Who **this painting was/was this painting** painted by?
- How **pottery made/is pottery made**?
- How **the exhibition is planned/is the exhibition planned** each year?
- Where **were the paintings shown/are the paintings shown** last year?
- How **are the sculptures kept/were the sculptures kept** safe in the museum now?
- Who **was this dress / were this dress** designed by?

3 ☆☆ Rewrite the questions in the passive.

- Who built this monument?
Who was this monument built by? _____
- Where did they make this sculpture?

- How do they pay for the festival?

- How do they decorate clay pots?

- How did they train artists in the past?

- When did they invent the camera?

4 ☆☆ Complete the questions in the interview.

Junk Kouture is a competition that takes place each year for young fashion designers. They have to design exciting new clothes, using only rubbish or waste materials. We answer your questions about the competition.



Q 1 Where *is the competition held* ?

A The competition is held in Ireland.

Q 2 Who _____ to take part?

A All students at schools in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are invited to take part.

Q 3 How _____ ?

A The winners are chosen by online votes.

Q 4 Who _____ by last year?

A Last year, the competition was won by a team of students from a school in the Republic of Ireland. They made an amazing dress!

Q 5 What _____ from?

A The dress was made from old milk cartons.

Q 6 What other materials _____ by the designers?

A A lot of other materials are used by the designers. Some examples are old flags from football matches, old takeaway menus and old egg boxes.

5 ☆☆☆ Think of a work of art or photograph that you know. Write three passive questions about it. Then write the answers.
