

PASSIVE VOICE: PRESENT & PAST

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: When **was** this bridge **built**?

Answer: It **was built** about a century ago, and it **is used** by cyclists now.

Remember: Present passive: am/is/are + participle. Past passive: was/were + participle.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What products _____ in your area? (make; present)

Answer: _____

2. When _____ your home _____? (build; past)

Answer: _____

3. How _____ rubbish _____ where you live? (collect; present)

Answer: _____

4. What _____ at your last celebration? (serve; past)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. how / is / pronounced / this / word

2. phone / your / made / where / was

3. spoken / languages / in / your / are / town / what

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. are / made - What products are made in your area?

Sample answer: Cheese and wooden furniture are made in my area.

2. was / built - When was your home built?

Sample answer: It was built in the 1980s, but the kitchen was renovated recently.

3. is / collected - How is rubbish collected where you live?

Sample answer: It's collected twice a week, with recycling collected separately.

4. was / served - What was served at your last celebration?

Sample answer: Homemade pizza was served, and everyone brought a dessert.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. How is this word pronounced?

2. Where was your phone made?

3. What languages are spoken in your town?

TEACHER NOTES

Focus on the action or receiver. A by-phrase is optional when the agent adds useful information.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.