

GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

WITH A TEACHER

UNIT 20 Past simple passive

Practice

1 Underline the past passive forms in this text.

I have lived in my apartment for five years, but it is much older than that. The building that my apartment is in was built over 100 years ago. It was designed by a famous architect who also designed many other buildings in the city. It was created for a local businessman who wanted his own building. It was used by his family for about 50 years. Then, it was sold and it was made into lots of smaller apartments.

2 Rewrite the sentences in the active form.

1 The celebrity artist was interviewed by lots of journalists.

Lots of journalists _____ the celebrity artist.

2 The best drawing wasn't done by Picasso.

Picasso _____ the best drawing.

3 Were the pictures copied by the students?

Did _____ the pictures?

4 These sculptures weren't made by Henry Moore.

Henry Moore _____ these sculptures.

5 These pictures weren't described in the coursebook.

The coursebook _____ these pictures.

3 Rewrite the sentences. Use the passive form of the verbs.

- 1 Our teacher **reminded** us about the school trip.
We _____teacher.
- 2 Someone **copied** my card details and **stole** all my money.
My card details _____ and all my money _____.
- 3 My classmates **gave** me a good luck card before my interview.
I _____ my classmates before my interview.
- 4 Did you **prepare** these salads this morning?
Were _____ this morning?
- 5 No one **told** me where to sit.
I _____ to sit.

4 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

Last month a class of secondary school students ¹ *was given / gave* a half-day holiday by their school after their exams. Two of the students went for a walk but it ² *was started / started* to rain, so they went into a second-hand shop to keep dry. All kinds of old furniture ³ *left / were left* around the shop. There were bowls and plates everywhere and old photographs and paintings ⁴ *were pushed / pushed* under tables. The students ⁵ *were decided / decided* to look at the pictures to pass the time. Most of them ⁶ *were covered / covered* in dust. Then one of the students ⁷ *was noticed / noticed* a small picture which ⁸ *was almost hidden / almost hid* behind a cupboard. It ⁹ *was shown / showed* a vase of flowers which ¹⁰ *were painted / painted* in great detail. The picture ¹¹ *wasn't signed / didn't sign* but the shop owner thought it ¹² *was probably painted / probably painted* about fifty years ago. The students ¹³ *were paid / paid* £5 for it and ¹⁴ *were taken / took* it away. Later they ¹⁵ *were discovered / discovered* it was five hundred years old. It ¹⁶ *was sold / sold* by a gallery in London last week for one million pounds!