

Active and passive

Unit
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A Circle the correct answer.

- The Harry Potter series _____ by J.K. Rowling.
 - were wrote
 - did written
 - wrote
 - was written
- The digital camera I bought yesterday _____ in Japan.
 - made
 - was making
 - was made
 - made by
- When we went back to school after the summer break, we noticed that the classroom walls _____.
 - were painting
 - have painted
 - painted
 - had been painted
- My younger brother _____ this photo.
 - was taken
 - taken
 - be taken
 - took
- The party _____ when I arrived there last night.
 - canceled
 - had been canceled
 - has been canceled
 - was canceled by
- I _____ around when I heard someone calling my name.
 - turned
 - turning
 - were turned
 - am turning
- Is this computer _____?
 - going to fix
 - going to be fixed
 - fixing
 - going to be fixing
- _____ this cake, Kelly?
 - You made by
 - Did you make
 - Was made
 - You were made

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B Correct the two mistakes.

- Tigers used to roam in many areas, but they are hardly ~~seen~~ nowadays. This is because their habitats have been destroyed ~~by~~ human activities.
- Rice ~~is considered~~ an important food in most Asian countries. It ~~is~~ eaten at almost every meal.
- The school library is ~~being renovated~~ at the moment. The construction will ~~be~~ completed by the end of this month.
- Ancient people ~~were~~ used papyrus for writing. It ~~was/is~~ made from the stems of papyrus plants.

C Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- Ken will invite ten students to his birthday party.
Ten students will be invited to Ken's birthday party.
- My grandparents had planted this apple tree before my father was born.
This apple tree had been planted by my grandparents before my father was born.
- A waiter greeted us when we entered the restaurant.
We were greeted by a waiter when we entered the restaurant.
- Mr. Field's success story has encouraged many students.
Many students have been encouraged by Mr. Field's success story.
- People speak both English and French in Canada.
Both English and French are spoken in Canada.

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D Complete the passage using the passive form of the verbs given.

The Roman Empire (1) was ruled (rule) by Emperor Hadrian from A.D. 117 to 138. Hundreds of years before that, Britain (2) had been conquered (conquer) by the Romans and became part of the Roman Empire. When Hadrian visited Britain in A.D. 122, this part of his empire (3) was being attacked (attack) by the Picts, the people from the far north of the island. To protect Britain from the Picts, Hadrian ordered a long wall to (4) be constructed (construct) right across northern England, from the east coast all the way to the west. Originally, the wall (5) was designed (design) to be 3 meters wide and 5 to 6 meters high. However, during the construction many changes (6) were made (make), and most parts of the wall (7) were built (build) to a width of 2.5 meters and a height of 3.5 meters. Today, parts of the ancient wall can still (8) be seen (see) and visited.

E Circle the correct answer.

In ancient times, some civilizations (1) (made / were made) colossuses, huge statues of their gods and heroes to impress people and show off a ruler's power. Around 280 B.C., a colossus (2) (raised / was raised) in the city of Rhodes in Greece by a man known as Chares of Lindos. It was a statue of the god Helios, and Chares (3) (built / was built) it to stand more than 30 meters tall. The statue was so big and impressive that it (4) (knew / became known) as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Interestingly, a lot of the metal used in the statue's construction (5) (took / was taken) from the melted-down weapons of the armies that (6) (tried / were tried) to invade Rhodes. The statue did not last very long, however. Just 54 years after it (7) (had completed / had been completed), a big earthquake (8) (hit / was hit) Rhodes and (9) (destroyed / was destroyed) the statue completely.

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F Write a paragraph about the Lighthouse of Alexandria by changing the sentences to the passive.

- Some builders constructed a huge lighthouse on an island near Alexandria in Egypt in the 3rd century B.C.
- A man named Sostratus of Cnidus designed the lighthouse.
- Experts estimated the lighthouse to be between 115 and 150 meters in height.
- People could see the light from the tower from a distance of more than 50 kilometers.
- During the day, the tower's attendants used a huge mirror to reflect the light of the sun.
- The tower's attendants lit a fire at night to help ships sail the coast.
- People named it one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- Earthquakes destroyed most of the lighthouse in 1303 and 1323.
- Divers found the ruins of the lighthouse underwater in 1994, so tourists these days can see the ruins themselves.

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