PASSIVE (IS DONE /WAS DONE)

Exercises:

A. Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form:

cause damage hold include invite make overtake show translate write

1. Many accidents .... are caused .......... by dangerous driving .

2. Cheese .................................. from milk.

3. The roof of the building ......................... in a storm a few days ago.

4. There’s no need to leave a tip. Service ....................... in the s storm a few days ago.

5. You ................................. to the wedding. Why didn’t you go

6. A cinema is a place where films .............................................

7. In the United States, elections for President .......................... every four years.

8. Originally the books ............................. in Spanish and a few years ago it ............ ........................ into English.

9. We were driving along quite fast but we ........................................ by lots of other cars.

B. Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

1. Ask about the telephone .(when /invent?) ...When was the telephone inveted?..

2. Ask about glass. (how/make?) How ..........................................................

3. Ask about Australia. (when/discover?) ..........................................................
4. Ask about silver. (what/use for?)
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5. Ask about television. (when/invent?)
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C. Put the verbs into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive

1. It’s a big factory. Five hundred people ..... **are employed**........... (employ)
   there.

2. Water ............................................. (cover) most of the Earth’s surface.

3. Most of the Earth’s surface ......................... (cover) by water.

4. The park’s gates ................................. (lock) at 6.30 p.m every evening.

5. The letter ................................. (post) a week ago and it
   .........................(arrive) yesterday.

6. The boat ................................. (sick) quickly but fortunately everybody
   ................................. (rescue).

7. Ron’s parents ................................. (die) when he was very young. He
   and his sister ................................. (bring) up by their grandparents.

8. I was born in London but I ........................... (grow) up in the north of
   England.

9. While I was on holiday, my camera ................................. (steal) from
   my hotel room.

10. While I was on holiday, my camera ................................. (disappear)
    from my hotel room.

11. Why ................................. (Sue/ resign) from her job? Didn’t she enjoy
    it?

12. Why ................................. (Bill/sack) from his job? What did he do
    wrong?
13. The company is not independent. It ........................................................ (own) by a much larger company.

14. I saw an accident last night. Somebody .................................................. (call) an ambulance but nobody .................................................. (injure) so the ambulance ........................................ (not/need).

15. Where ....................................(these photographs/take)? In London? .......................................................... (you/take) them?

D. Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using ‘somebody/they/people’ etc. Write a passive sentence.

1. Somebody cleans the room every day. ..... The room is cleaned every day...

2. They cancelled all flights because of fog ...........................................................

3. People don’t use this road very often. .............................................................

4. Somebody accused me of stealing money. ....................................................

5. How do people learn languages? How ...........................................................

6. People advised us not to go out alone. ..........................................................