

## The Passive - Past Simple

Rewrite these sentences in the passive. Omit the agent where possible.

1. A writer wrote this book in 1992.

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2. Millions of people listened to their music last year.

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3. A man handed in my wallet to the police last week.

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4. Somebody stole my car last night.

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5. Quentin Tarantino didn't direct The Godfather.

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6. Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet.

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7. Users uploaded thousands of YouTube videos yesterday.

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8. Steve Jobs founded Apple in 1976.

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9. A man bought my car yesterday.

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10. A wolf attacked the man.

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11. Isaac Newton didn't discover gravity until 1665.

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12. Lots of people loved the sweet old man.

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13. The managing director fired 10 people yesterday.

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14. The council built this bridge in 2007.

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15. They didn't sign the contract last week due to disagreements.

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## Answer Key

1. This book **was written** in 1992 [by a writer]
2. Their music **was listened to** by millions of people last year.
3. My wallet **was handed in** last week [by a man].
4. My car **was stolen** last night [by somebody].
5. The Godfather **wasn't directed** by Quentin Tarantino.
6. Romeo and Juliet **was written** by Shakespeare.
7. Thousands of YouTube videos **were uploaded** [by users] yesterday.
8. Apple **was founded** in 1976 [by Steve Jobs].
9. My car **was bought** yesterday [by a man].
10. The man **was attacked** [by a wolf].
11. Gravity **wasn't discovered** [by Isaac Newton] until 1665.
12. The sweet old man **was loved** [by lots of people].
13. 10 people **were fired** [by the managing director] yesterday.
14. This bridge **was built** [by the council] in 2007.
15. The contract **wasn't signed** last week due to disagreements.