

**A: Rewrite the sentences in the past simple passive.****Active****Passive**

1. Gerald found a diamond.

A diamond was found by Gerald.

2. Both teams scored four goals.

3. A reporter wrote the story.

4. An earthquake hit Japan.

**B. Read the news story and highlight four past simple passive sentences.**

Example: A 375-karat diamond was stumbled upon by a team of maintenance workers cleaning out the sewer lines last Friday night.

**Huge Diamond Found in Bangkok Sewer System**

The largest recorded diamond ever discovered was unearthed beneath the streets of Bangkok last week. A 375-karat diamond was stumbled upon by a team of maintenance workers cleaning out the sewer lines last Friday night. According to witnesses, the diamond was found by a man called Gerald. "I was walking through the sludge when suddenly I tripped over an obstacle and fell flat on my face. When I reached down to remove the object, I noticed it had a very fine surface, almost like glass, but it was so heavy I thought that maybe it was a piece of concrete. When I looked at it close to the light, I couldn't believe my eyes", he is reported to have told his boss. Gerald was immediately taken back to his company's headquarters where the account of his story was confirmed. The head office of Gerald's company was inundated with friends and family wanting to know more about the diamond. After hearing media reports of his finding, Gerald fled Bangkok, not wanting to draw too much attention to himself. Attempts to find Gerald by police and local authorities have been unsuccessful. The diamond was reported to have been purchased by an unknown buyer from Dubai, going by the name of Mr. T. After collecting the diamond from Gerald, a private jet was chartered to fly Mr. T back to Dubai. The sewers of Bangkok have since been overrun with prospectors looking to follow the fortunes of Gerald.

**C. Write down the four past simple passive sentences you highlighted from the story.**

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**D. Rewrite the sentences from Exercise C in their active form.**

Example: A team of maintenance workers cleaning out the sewer lines last Friday night stumbled upon a 375-karat diamond.

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**E. Complete the news reports in the past simple passive and then practice reading the reports.****News Report 1**

The diamond that \_\_\_\_\_ (find) in Bangkok last week \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) to a businessman from Dubai. A huge sum of money \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) to the man who found the diamond. The sewers of Bangkok \_\_\_\_\_ (overran) with prospectors looking to change their fortunes.

**News Report 2**

In the Manchester United versus Barcelona match last night, four goals \_\_\_\_\_ (score) by both teams. Rooney \_\_\_\_\_ (send) off for kicking another player. However, most people who watched the match said that a better game \_\_\_\_\_ (play) by Manchester United.

**News Report 3**

Japan \_\_\_\_\_ (hit) by a 9.1 earthquake yesterday and a large tsunami \_\_\_\_\_ (generate). Ten cities \_\_\_\_\_ (affect) and communications \_\_\_\_\_ (disrupt). Fifty thousand residents \_\_\_\_\_ (evacuate) within four hours of being alerted, but five evacuation centres \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy). The roads \_\_\_\_\_ (ruin) making evacuation difficult.