**Activity Type**
Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

**Language Focus**
Past simple passive

**Aim**
To complete true and false facts in the past simple passive and then play a guessing game with the facts.

**Preparation**
Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

**Level**
Pre-intermediate

**Time**
25 minutes

**Introduction**
Here is an engaging quiz activity to use when you are teaching the past simple passive.

**Procedure**
Divide the students into pairs (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Students begin by completing the true and false facts on their worksheet with the past simple passive form of the verb in brackets.

When all the students have finished, go through the correct passive forms with the class.

**Answer Key**

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<tr>
<th>Student A</th>
<th>Student B</th>
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<td>1. was built</td>
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<td>2. was sent</td>
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<td>3. was discovered</td>
<td>3. was bought</td>
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<td>4. was designed</td>
<td>4. were tamed</td>
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<td>5. was invented</td>
<td>5. was sold</td>
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<td>6. were worn</td>
<td>6. were discovered</td>
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<td>7. was used</td>
<td>7. was swum</td>
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<td>8. was made</td>
<td>8. was built</td>
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<td>9. was played</td>
<td>9. was blocked</td>
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<td>10. were held</td>
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Student A then reads each fact to Student B.

Student B has to guess if the facts are true or false.

One point is awarded for each correct guess.

Afterwards, the students swap roles.

The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.

At the end of the activity, ask the students to tell the class which facts they found surprising.
Student A

Complete the true and false facts with the past simple passive form of the verb in brackets.

1. The Eiffel Tower _________________ (build) in 1750. FALSE: in 1889
2. The first email _________________ (send) in 1971. TRUE
3. The structure of the DNA _________________ (discover) by Albert Einstein. FALSE: by Watson and Crick.
4. The Italian flag _________________ (design) by Napoleon. TRUE
5. Chess _________________ (invent) by the Egyptians 1,500 years ago. FALSE: the Chinese
6. The first Levi Jeans _________________ (wear) by cowboys. FALSE: miners
7. The first credit card _________________ (use) in 1945. FALSE: 1970
8. The Jazz Singer, the first film with sound, _________________ (make) in 1890. FALSE: 1927
10. The first modern Olympics _________________ (hold) in Athens in 1896. TRUE

Now, read each fact to Student B. Student B guesses if the facts are true or false.

Student B

Complete the true and false facts with the past simple passive form of the verb in brackets.

1. Football _________________ first _________________ (play) by the English. TRUE
2. The first coins _________________ (use) in 600 BC. TRUE
3. The Mona Lisa _________________ (buy) by King Francis I of France to decorate his bathroom. TRUE
4. The first animals which _________________ (tame) and kept for milk were cows. FALSE: goats and sheep.
5. In 1959, a single Golden Delicious apple tree _________________ (sell) in France for $51,000. TRUE
6. Roman coins _________________ (discover) in the USA. TRUE
7. The English Channel _________________ (swim) by Captain Webb in 1875. TRUE
8. The first car _________________ (build) by Ford in 1910. FALSE: Gottlieb Daimler in 1885.
9. The sun _________________ (block) by a dust cloud for a whole year in 536 AD. TRUE
10. The first steps on the moon _________________ (take) by Buzz Aldrin in 1969. FALSE: Neil Armstrong

Now, read each fact to Student A. Student A guesses if the facts are true or false.