

### 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

#### Student A

1. was built
2. was sent
3. was discovered
4. was designed
5. was invented
6. were worn
7. was used
8. was made
9. was played
10. were held

#### Student B

1. was played
2. were used
3. was bought
4. were tamed
5. was sold
6. were discovered
7. was swum
8. was built
9. was blocked
10. were taken

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
9. Basketball \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in Africa. FALSE: in America.
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.**