

In Step 2 you study

- past simple passive
- passive + *by*

so that you can

- do a general knowledge quiz, and make your own quiz
- talk about when things were built, made or produced

## 1 Share your ideas

What do you know about the things and people in the photos?

I think the painting is called *Sunflowers*.  
I think it's by Van Gogh.

## 2 Presentation Where was it built?

a ⌚ Read the quiz and choose the right answer, a, b, or c. If you don't know, guess. You've got five minutes! 1b

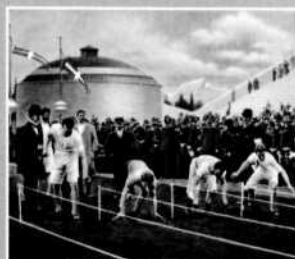
1 Where was the Statue of Liberty made?

- a the USA
- b France
- c Canada



5 Where and when was the first lift used?

- a in France in 1743
- b in Italy in 1853
- c in Switzerland in 1895



2 Where were the first modern Olympic Games held?

- a Rome
- b Athens
- c San Francisco

6 Which famous cartoon character was created by Walt Disney in 1928?

- a Spiderman
- b Bugs Bunny
- c Mickey Mouse



3 Where was the world's first skyscraper built?

- a London
- b New York
- c Chicago



7 Who was the painting *Sunflowers* painted by?

- a Picasso
- b Monet
- c Van Gogh



4 Which US president was assassinated in 1963?

- a Ronald Reagan
- b Abraham Lincoln
- c John F. Kennedy



8 Who were the *Star Wars* films directed by?

- a George Lucas
- b Steven Spielberg
- c Peter Jackson



🔊 Listen and check your answers.

Try this!

What is it?

**It was built in France in 1889. It isn't a skyscraper but it is still one of the tallest structures in the world.**

Can you write a clue like this for something else?

b Are these sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

1F *It wasn't made in the USA. It was made in France.*

- The Statue of Liberty was made in the USA.
- The first modern Olympic Games were held in Rome.
- The world's first skyscraper was built in Chicago.
- Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.
- The first lift was used in Italy.
- Mickey Mouse was created by Walt Disney in 1922.
- Sunflowers* was painted by Monet.
- The *Star Wars* films were directed by Peter Jackson.

### 3 Key grammar Past simple passive

Complete the examples and the explanation.

The first skyscraper **was built** in Chicago.  
It **wasn't** ..... in New York.

The *Star Wars* films ..... **directed** by George Lucas.

They **weren't** ..... by Peter Jackson.

We form the past simple passive with  
....., wasn't, were, ..... + past participle.

We use *by* after the passive if we want to say who does/did the action:

It was painted **by** Van Gogh.



### 4 Practice

**a** Complete the text using the past simple passive.

The world's first computer game <sup>1</sup> .....  
(create) in 1962 by the American Steve Russell. It <sup>2</sup> ..... (call) *Spacewar* and a huge computer <sup>3</sup> ..... (need) to play it. The early computers were very expensive so they <sup>4</sup> ..... (not use) by many people. But in the 1970s computers became smaller and cheaper. *Spacewar* <sup>5</sup> ..... (follow) by games like *Pong* and *Space Invaders* and thousands of these games <sup>6</sup> ..... (sell) all around the world.

**b Test a friend** Choose one of the facts from Exercise 2, then put the words in the wrong order. Can your friend say the sentence?

*by / 1928 / Disney / was / Mouse / created / in / Walt / Mickey*

Mickey Mouse was created by Walt Disney in 1928.

### 5 Key pronunciation

Weak forms /wəz/ /wə/

Listen and repeat the sentences. Practise the stress, and the weak forms of *was* and *were*.

- It was /wəz/ **made** in America.
- It was /wəz/ **grown** in Greece.
- They were /wə/ **built** in Britain.
- They were /wə/ **held** in Hungary.

### 6 Reading and listening Song

**a** Read about the song *Over the rainbow*. Is the song still famous today?

The song *Over the rainbow* is perhaps the most famous movie song in history. It was written more than half a century ago. It was first sung by Judy Garland in the film *The Wizard of Oz* in 1939.

A number of different singers have recorded the song and, in 2004, it was chosen as 'the best movie song of all time' by the American Film Institute.

Judy Garland's life wasn't a happy one. So the place 'over the rainbow' remained a dream, in her song and in her real life too.



**b** Now listen to the description of the song. There are five mistakes. What are they?

*It wasn't written a century ago. It was written ...*

**c** Listen to the song. Then complete the sentences using these words.

bird dreams fly happy place problems  
rainbow singer's

- The song is about a land in the ..... dreams.
- It isn't a real ..... . It exists on the other side of a ..... .
- It's a place where your ..... come true.
- It's a place where everyone is ..... and there aren't any ..... .
- The singer would like to be a ..... , so that she can ..... over the rainbow.

### 7 Writing and speaking A quiz

#### Use what you know

Work with a friend and write at least three more quiz items, using the past simple passive.

*Guernica was painted by ...  
a Picasso b Michelangelo c Van Gogh*

Read your quiz items to the class.