

## 1 Passive with *by* (simple past)

Change the sentences from active to passive with *by*.

1. The Chinese invented paper around 100 C.E.

Paper was invented by the Chinese around 100 C.E.

2. Marie Curie discovered radium in 1898.

3. Dr. Felix Hoffmann made the first aspirin in 1899.

4. Tim Berners-Lee developed the World Wide Web in 1989.

5. William Herschel identified the planet Uranus in 1781.

6. Georges Bizet wrote the opera *Carmen* in the 1870s.

## 2 Passive without *by* (simple present)

Complete the information with *is* or *are* and the past participle of the verbs in the box.

base	know
export	✓ speak
import	use

1. Portuguese – not Spanish – is spoken in Brazil.

2. Diamonds and gold from South Africa are mined by countries all over the world.

3. The U.S. dollar is used in Puerto Rico.

4. Colombia is known for its delicious coffee.

5. Many electronic products are made by Japan and South Korea. It's an important industry for these two countries.

6. The economy in many island countries, such as Jamaica, is based on tourism.

## 1 Past continuous vs. simple past

Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.  
Use the past continuous or the simple past.

1. **A:** What happened to you?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ fell \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) while I \_\_\_\_\_ was jogging \_\_\_\_\_ (jog) in the park.

2. **A:** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the storm yesterday?

**B:** Yes! It \_\_\_\_\_ (start) while I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work.

3. **A:** We finally \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to a larger apartment.

**B:** That's good. I know you \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a tiny place when your daughter  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) born.

4. **A:** My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bad accident. She \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt)  
her back when she \_\_\_\_\_ (lift) weights at the gym.

**B:** That \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to me last year, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not lift)  
weights. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a boxing class, and I \_\_\_\_\_ (trip).

## 2 Present perfect continuous

Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. **A:** What \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ been doing \_\_\_\_\_ all day?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the house, and Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ (not feel) very well lately.

**A:** How \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) these days?

**B:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) great. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) any junk food, and  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise) a lot. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) really good care of  
myself.

2. **A:** How long \_\_\_\_\_ you and Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (date)?

**B:** We \_\_\_\_\_ (go out) together for almost a year. Can you believe it?

**A:** Maya and I \_\_\_\_\_ (date) for even longer. I think it's time to get married. We  
\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about it a lot lately.

**B:** Joe and I \_\_\_\_\_ (not talk) about marriage, but  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about it