

## Grammar

### Practice A

Complete the sentences with the simple past passive form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. The world's biggest explosion (cause) was caused by a volcano on the island of Krakatoa in Indonesia in 1883.
2. The explosion (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ in India and Australia.
3. A very big wave, about 115 feet (35 meters) high, (create) \_\_\_\_\_ by the explosion.
4. Thousands of people (drown) \_\_\_\_\_ by the wave.
5. Dust from the explosion (carry) \_\_\_\_\_ to many parts of the world.
6. The weather around the world (affect) \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.



### Practice B

What happens when you go to the doctor? Use the prompts to write sentences in the simple present passive.

1. The nurse weighs you. You are weighed by the nurse.
2. The nurse takes your temperature. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The doctor takes your blood pressure. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The doctor looks at your throat. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The doctor checks your lungs. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The doctor sends you to a technician. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The technician takes blood samples. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The doctor writes you a prescription. \_\_\_\_\_

## Practice C

Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Use the *by* phrase only when needed. Use the correct verb form.

1. Someone built this store in 1920.

*This store was built in 1920.*

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2. An artist painted the ceiling by hand.
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3. The famous architect George Emery designed the building.
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4. Today, they sell beauty products in the store.
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5. They make their creams from plants.
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## Practice D

Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Use the *by* phrase only when needed. Use the correct verb form.

1. People sell billions of bottles of Coca-Cola® every year.

*Billions of bottles of Coca-Cola are sold every year.*

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2. People drink Coca-Cola all over the world.
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3. Dr. John Pemberton invented Coca-Cola in 1886 in Atlanta, Georgia.
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4. He sold it as medicine.
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5. A man named Asa Candler bought the business from Pemberton.
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6. He opened the first factory in Texas in 1895.
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7. World War I made Coca-Cola popular outside the US because they sent it to soldiers overseas.
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## Reading

### A. Read the text.

### Did you know that people wore jeans over 150 years ago?

The story of the first pair of jeans starts with Levi Strauss, a young salesman. Strauss was born in Germany in 1829. He moved to the United States with his family when he was 18. They went to join his brothers, who had a small business in New York. The family decided to open a branch of their business in San Francisco, California, and Strauss was chosen to do this.

In 1853, Levi Strauss moved to San Francisco to start the new business. He bought supplies such as tents, shovels, and pots and pans, and these were sold to gold diggers. Gold diggers were people who **dug** for gold during the Gold Rush. The Gold Rush was a time in American history which began in 1848. Gold was found in California, and after that, around 300,000 people came to find gold and become rich. Most of the gold diggers were American, but people from many other countries also came, including from Europe, Australia, and Asia. However,

many of those people did not get rich. Many were killed. It was a **violent** time.

Strauss was told by the gold diggers that they needed good work pants. Their regular pants always wore out quickly and had holes in every pocket. Strauss had a great idea. Why not make pants out of **canvas**, the heavy material used for tents? He tried it, and the canvas pants were a big hit. Strauss started to use a softer blue material for his jeans.

Soon everyone wanted some of “Levi’s jeans.” Levi’s jeans were very popular because they never **wore out**. In the US in the 1950s, blue jeans became **all the rage** with teenagers and college students. Now, jeans in all different styles and colors are worn by people all over the world. Some people pay hundreds of dollars for a pair of jeans. Levi Strauss didn’t dig for gold, but he certainly made a fortune with his Levi jeans.

- Glossary:**
- dig (v.)** to make a hole in earth or sand using your hands, a machine, or a tool, especially a shovel (ขุด)
  - violent (adj.)** using force to hurt or attack (เลวร้าย)
  - canvas (n.)** a heavy durable cloth made of cotton, hemp, or jute, used for sails, tents, etc. (ผ้าใบ)
  - wear out (v.)** to make or become unusable through long or heavy use (สวมจนเก่าหรือชำรุด)
  - all the rage (idm.)** in current fashion (เป็นที่นิยม)

**B.** Answer the questions.

1. What is the text about? Circle *a*, *b*, or *c*.
  - a. shopping for jeans
  - b. the history of blue jeans
  - c. jeans made in San Francisco

2. What was the Gold Rush?

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3. How many gold diggers were there?

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4. Who invented jeans?

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5. Why did his customers like Levi's jeans?

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6. When did jeans become popular with teenagers?

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