Passive (is done/ was done)

When we use a passive verb, we say what happens to the subject. When we use the passive, who or what causes the action, we use by. The passive is be (is/was, etc.) + past participle (done/cleaned/seen, etc). We use the passive in academic writing.

Lo usamos cuando mencionamos algún efecto sobre el sujeto. Usamos by cuando nos referimos a quién o que causa la acción.

The Fine Arts building was built in 1918.

The headquarters office was renovated in June 2015.

How is your last name pronounced?

Exercises

The Titanic hit an iceberg and _____ quickly. Few survivor stories _____ in textbooks. (sink / write)

When _____ (Earth / form)?

The vice-president _____ of stealing money. (accuse)