

GRAMMAR

The passive

- 1 Complete the statements with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Then decide if they are true or false.

- The Strawberry Fields memorial to John Lennon can _____ (see) in New York's Central Park.
- In Ai Weiwei's 2011 *Sunflower Seeds* installation, the seeds _____ (make) of glass.
- British artist Damien Hirst _____ (award) the Turner Art Prize three times.
- The Guggenheim Museum in New York _____ (design) by Frank Lloyd Wright.
- The Bauhaus movement _____ (found) in 1919 by a Swiss architect.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box in the correct passive form.

ban build catch organize paint steal

- The painting *The Scream* _____ from a museum in Norway in 2004.
- St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow _____ by Ivan the Terrible in 1552.
- A sleepover _____ at the Natural History Museum in London next month.
- Flash photography _____ in most art galleries in case it damages the paintings.
- Thieves who stole millions of dollars' worth of art from a Boston art gallery _____ never _____.
- Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh _____ using oil paints.

- 3 Rewrite the sentences in the passive form.

- Millions of people will see the Van Gogh painting.

- More UK schools are using art therapy to help students.

- A seven-year-old UK boy sold his first landscapes for £150,000.

- Buses will transport artworks around London as part of a city art project.

- A German artist has built a hotel from rubbish.

- 4 Complete the text about Andy Warhol with the correct passive form of the verbs in the box.

born create exhibit help hold present see write

Andy Warhol ¹ _____ in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1928, and he was one of the leading figures in the pop art movement of the 1960s.



The public first became aware of pop art in 1964, when an exhibition called *The American Supermarket* ² _____ in New York. It ³ _____ as a typical supermarket, except everything in the supermarket ⁴ _____ by pop artists of the time. Warhol's painting of a can of soup cost \$1,500 at that event.

Iconic American objects like soup cans and drinks bottles featured regularly in many of his paintings. Today, his pop art paintings of celebrities like Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley can ⁵ _____ in art galleries and museums around the world.

Since his death in 1987, Warhol ⁶ _____ about in books, depicted in films and his work ⁷ _____ all over the world today.

Through the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, artists around the world ⁸ _____ still _____ by him today. Warhol's legacy lives on.

- 5 Write questions in the passive and answer them with information from the text in exercise 4.

- where / Andy Warhol / born

- where / first pop art / exhibition / hold

- what / see in his paintings

- where / his paintings of celebrities / show

- how / artists / help / by Warhol / today

- 6 Complete the sentences with your own ideas and verbs in the correct passive form.

- My favourite book

- My favourite painting

- My favourite building
