

Describing architecture Passive voice practice and presentation

Describe one building, bridge, or other piece of architecture with sentences until your partner guesses which one you are talking about. Your partner can only guess once per sentence you say.

Passive voice grammar presentation

Without looking above, brainstorm forms that can go before PP (= past participle)

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Look above to check and help brainstorm more possibilities.

What do (most of) the forms have in common (in terms of grammar and meaning)?

What's the difference between these forms?

It held/ It was held

It has held/ It has been held

Which form is passive and which is active? In which is the subject the thing doing the action?

Change these phrases into the other form (active to passive or passive to active):

- In the movies, they destroyed it...
- You can see it in the movie...
- People have criticised it for...
- It has been renovated since...
- It is criticised...
- It is decorated...
- It was bought by...
- People will knock it down...
- It will be renovated...

Suggested passive sentences to describe architecture

- (In the movies), it was destroyed...
- ... has been held there.
- ... is held there.
- ... was based on it.
- ... was held there.
- ... will be held there.
- It can be seen in the movie...
- It can be seen...
- It has been criticised for...
- It has been famous since...
- It has been renovated... times
- It is (mainly) made from...
- It is connected to...
- It is criticised...
- It is decorated...
- It is lit up...
- It is located near to...
- It is made of/ made from...
- It is opened to the public...
- It is painted...
- It is situated in...
- It is surrounded by...
- It is used for...
- It is visited...
- It isn't used (...)
- It used to be used for...
- It was bought by...
- It was bought...
- It was built by...
- It was built in...
- It was built...
- It was criticised...
- It was damaged by...
- It was designed by...
- It was designed to...
- It was knocked down.../ Part of it was knocked down...
- It was moved...
- It was named a World Heritage site...
- It was renovated...
- It was replaced by...
- It was sold...
- It will be knocked down...
- It will be renovated...
- It will be used...
- Photos are often taken of...
- The design was based on...
- The space outside is used for...

Suggested architecture to describe

Your teacher will tell you if/ when you can also describe places not below.

- 101 Building, Taipei
- Amsterdam Station, The Netherlands
- Battersea Power Station, London
- Big Ben/ The Houses of Parliament, London
- Buckingham Palace, London
- Burj Khalifa, Dubai
- Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco
- Himeji Castle, Japan
- Kiyomizu Temple, Kyoto, Japan
- Kyoto Station
- Machu Picchu, Peru
- Mont San Michel, France
- Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris
- Petra, Jordan
- Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Pyramids of Giza, Egypt
- St Mark's Cathedral, Venice, Italy
- St Paul's Cathedral, London
- Stonehenge, UK
- Sydney Opera House, Australia
- Taj Mahal, India
- The (old) Imperial Hotel, Tokyo (now in Nagoya)
- The Aya Sophia, Istanbul
- The Bird's Nest stadium, Beijing
- The Blue Mosque, Istanbul
- The Coliseum, Rome
- The Eiffel Tower, Paris
- The Empire State Building, New York
- The Forbidden Palace, Beijing
- The Gherkin, London
- The Great Wall of China
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy
- The London Eye
- The Louvre, Paris
- The Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain
- The Smithsonian Museum, Washington, USA
- The Tower of London
- The Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy
- The World Cup Stadium, Seoul
- Tokyo Station
- Tower Bridge, London
- Versailles Palace, near Paris
- Wat Po, Bangkok, Thailand