

Lesson C: Passive Voice in the Past

A Read each sentence. Write **AV** if the sentence is active voice or **PV** if the sentence is passive voice.

1. The award was given to the student by the principal. _____
2. The test was graded by the teacher. _____
3. The movie was about a family in Buenos Aires. _____
4. The museum was visited by millions of people last year. _____
5. Millions of tourists visited Venice last year. _____

B Complete each sentence with the past passive form of the verb in parentheses.

1. The book _____ (write) by an explorer.
2. It was very popular and _____ (read) by millions of people.
3. The story explains how parts of Antarctica _____ (explore).
4. The facts _____ (explain) in a way that was easy to understand.
5. Many interesting things _____ (learn) by the readers.

C Rewrite the sentences in the past passive voice.

1. Genghis Khan ruled Mongolia.

2. Genghis Khan destroyed many cities and kingdoms.

3. For example, Khan's army destroyed the city of Samarkand.

4. Genghis Khan's army attacked China at the beginning of the 13th century.

5. Many people respected Genghis Khan.

D Complete each sentence with the past passive form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Long trips _____ (take) by explorers 700 years ago.
2. A book about Marco Polo's travels _____ (publish).
3. Other people _____ (inspire) by his stories.
4. Countries from Morocco to China _____ (visit) by the traveler Ibn Battuta.
5. Journeys from China to the Middle East and Africa _____ (complete) by the explorer Zheng He.