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Famous Brits – Test 2

1 Using the passive

1. Put the following sentences into the passive. Watch out for the tenses.

1. William put his enemies into prison. His enemies _____
2. Someone has stolen my mobile. _____
3. We will sell our house. _____
4. Someone gave away her secret. _____
5. A dark haired person must play Mary Stuart. _____

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2 More passive

Make questions using the passive. Use the simple present or the simple past.

1. When/Harold/defeat? _____
2. Where/Mary Stuart/execute? _____
3. Why/Mary/consider/attractive? _____
4. How/cars/made? _____
5. Where/little children/teach/ how to read and write? _____

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3 Reading: Prince Albert and Queen Victoria

We all know Queen Victoria. She ruled Britain as the longest ruling monarch, so the story goes. But that is not quite right anymore, because Queen Elisabeth II, who is the Queen of England at the moment, has now been longer in office than Victoria.

But under Queen Victoria, Britain ruled over the biggest empire the world has ever seen. Victoria was married to Prince Albert, a German prince. People say that they fell in love with each other when they first met. In fact, Victoria was supposed to marry Albert's brother Ernst, but then she decided to ask Albert whether he would like to become her husband.

Some historians say that was very unusual at the time, because she was of a much higher rank, and she was a woman. Actually, she had just turned eighteen, so she was a very young queen indeed. So who was Albert? He was born in 1819 and studied, among other things, music, art history and philosophy. After he had been married to Victoria, he started to collect paintings and helped to set up many museums and art collections in Great Britain.

First, Albert was not very popular with the British, but after some time, people noticed that he was hard working and friendly and tried to be a good husband to Victoria. Not only did they have many children, they also seemed to be very happy with each other. Normally, a marriage between a king and queen was a just a business matter or political cooperation, but Drina, that was Victoria's nickname used by her family when she was a young girl, and Albert really seemed to be in love. And the people liked that.

No wonder that the marriage between Prince Albert and Queen Victoria had a lot of influence on British life. First, Albert gave Victoria a ring, which said: Would you like to marry me? People liked that idea so much that the concept of the "Verlobungsring" became a tradition in Britain as well. Then, Albert started to put a Christmas tree into the royal palace. First the British thought that it was a strange thing to have a tree in your living room, but then the idea caught on and became very popular. That's how another German tradition came to Great Britain.

Last but not least, Victoria and Albert used to give each other presents, for example on their birthdays, at Christmas or when they celebrated their wedding day. And they also wanted others to give them presents. So, present-giving as we know it today was introduced to Britain.

When Albert died at the age of only 42, Victoria was very sad and from then on, she dressed in black all the time until the end of her life.

Tick true/false/not in the text.

	true	false	not in the text
1. The most successful ruling monarch in British history is Queen Elisabeth II.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Victoria ruled many countries outside Britain.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Victoria had to marry Prince Albert.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Albert was younger than his brother Ernst.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Victoria could not ask Albert if he wanted to marry her.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Albert was very enthusiastic about art.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. The English liked Prince Albert from the first moment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Prince Albert and Queen Victoria had a lot of children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Unfortunately some of their children died very young.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. When she was young, Queen Victoria was also called Drina.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. After some time, Victoria and Albert were not in love anymore.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. When kings and queens got married at that time, they usually did not do it for love.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. It is because of Prince Albert that today, the British have Christmas trees.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Prince Albert took over the British tradition of giving each other presents from Queen Victoria.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. When Albert died, Queen Victoria was very depressed and never married again.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4 Writing: Future Kids Diary

Write about a typical day in the future.

How would you get up in the morning? How would you get to school? What would school be like? Would there still be any “real” teachers? How would you learn? What would you do in your free time?

Write about 180 words.

Start your text with: *Today I was woken by ...*

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