English Tenses & Verb Forms

Test 5: English tenses in the reported speech and passive voice.

Exercise 1   15 points

Direct speech into reported speech.

"I used to be slim."

Liz told us ....

"Why are you wearing such a hat?"

He asked me ....

"I wouldn't do it if I were you."

Terence said ....

"We will stay in Madrid."

They claimed that ....

"Don't open the door, please."

She told us ....

"I'm just looking."

Susan replied that ....

"We came a year ago."

They explained that ....

"I have never eaten this cake."

He admitted that ....

"Are you from France?"

He wanted to know ....

"You must help me."

She said ....

"I have not been doing anything."

He told me ....

"The Amazon is the biggest river."

I knew that ....

"We couldn't swim in the sea."

They claimed that ....

"I can't go to school."

He said ....

"Why don't you like it?"

She wondered ....

Exercise 2   8 points

Write the sentences in the passive voice.

Example:
A postman delivered this parcel.
This parcel was delivered by a postman.

The firm uses white bricks to build the hall.

....

You must not cross the road now.

....

They were cooking the dinner at 7 o'clock.

....

Mr. Black will inform Derek.

....

El Greco painted this picture.

....

They are knocking down the old school.

....

Has anyone switched on the light?

....

They may leave bicycles in the schoolyard.

....

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Exercise 3   **7** points   TOTAL 30 points

Make questions in the passive voice. Use the words in brackets.

Example:

I have seen the riot outside our school.

Yes? .... ?
(anybody/injure)

Yes? Has anybody been injured?

There was a sci-fi film on at the cinema last night.

.... ?
(your children/admit to see it)

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will give a party on Friday.

.... ?
(Susan/invite)

Last night a hurricane hit the coast of Florida.

.... ?
(people/warn before)

Please, leave your coat and bags here.

.... ?
(must leave/handbags)

Your desk is here now and the copying machine is in the corner.

.... ?
(anything else/change)

The police caught the robbers early in the morning.

Where .... ?
(the robbers/catch)

The earthquake has damaged a lot of houses.

.... ?
(anybody/kill)

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