

## Simple Past Passive

Watch the video and complete the tasks.

Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zodGXBfvYKs>

### Task 01

Fill each blank with the correct form of the simple past passive.

#### Mobile Phones

Mobile phones ..... (develop) throughout the 20th century. In 1908, an American power company claimed that they had created a wireless phone. The company ..... (accuse) of fraud, but later the accusation ..... (drop).

In 1949, an American company called AT&T ..... (start) in St. Louis Missouri. There were about 5000 customers and about 30,000 calls ..... (make) per week.

At this time, the phones were still not mobile, so the equipment for making these calls ..... (measure) at about 35kg and had to stay in your house. Later, several other wireless networks ..... (begin) in Europe, but they weren't compatible with American networks. Service ..... (add) throughout the rest of Europe shortly afterwards.

The idea of cellular tower..... (introduce) next. At first, each mobile phone ..... (limit) to service by only one cell tower. Then, as new technology .....

(create), people ..... (allow) to transfer their service from tower to tower.

In 1973, the first hand-held, truly mobile cellular phone ..... (invent). Since then, the technology has grown faster and faster until today, and mobile phones are so common that nobody thinks about them twice.

## Task 02

**Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter and you are asked to write a newspaper article on any topic that interests you (crimes/ entertainment/ fashion/ politics/ science/ sports etc.)**

Eg:

### **Body found in Kelaniya River**

The body of a woman of about 40 years of age **was found** floating in the Kelaniya River yesterday afternoon. The body **was taken** to the country morgue to be examined by the forensic scientists. This is the third body that **was found** in the Kelaniya River since the beginning of the year. A similar occurrence **was reported** recently in a nearby town. However, many people think it was suicide.