Passive voice - Test 1 - Answers

A - Are the sentences written in Active or Passive?

1) Steven likes to play baseball.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

2) Bingo is played in Britain.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

3) He lost his keys yesterday.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

4) A letter was written.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

5) They are listening to their music.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

6) They often read e-mails.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

7) These cars are produced in Italy.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

8) French is spoken in Niger.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

9) Lots of houses were destroyed.
   a) Active
   b) Passive

10) The bus driver was hurt.
    a) Active
    b) Passive

B - Make Passive forms from the given phrases. Mind the tenses in brackets.

1) English - to speak (Simple Present) __English is spoken__
2) films - to watch (Simple Present) __films are watched__
3) posters - to make (Simple Present) __posters are made__
4) stories - to tell (Simple Present) __stories are told__
5) computer games - to buy (Simple Present) __computer games are bought__
6) books - to write (Simple Past) __books were written__
7) volleyball - to play (Simple Past) __volleyball was played__
8) songs - to sing (Simple Past) __songs were sung__
9) skateboards - to ride (Simple Past) __skateboards were ridden__
10) a prize - to win (Simple Past) __a prize was won__
C - Rewrite the Active sentences into Passive.

1) They understand Spanish.
   __Spanish is understood (by them).__

2) My friend bought a new car.
   __A new car was bought (by my friend).__

3) John cleaned the bathroom.
   __The bathroom was cleaned (by John).__

4) The teacher closes the window.
   __The window is closed (by the teacher).__

5) The girls can play handball.
   __Handball can be played (by the girls).__

6) Our dog did not bite the cat.
   __The cat was not bitten (by our dog).__

7) The mechanic repairs cars.
   __Cars are repaired (by the mechanic).__

8) The electricians test the fire alarm.
   __The fire alarm is tested (by the electricians).__

9) Levi Strauss invented the blue jeans.
   __The blue jeans were invented (by Levi Strauss).__

10) Frank takes photos.
    __Photos are taken (by Frank).__

D - Rewrite the Passive sentences into Active.

1) The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.
   __Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.__

2) This book was written by an Irishman.
   __An Irishman wrote this book.__

3) The president was elected by the people.
   __The people elected the president.__

4) The bag was packed by his mother.
   __His mother packed the bag.__

5) The child was hit by a car.
   __A car hit the child.__

6) The exercise is completed by the teacher.
   __The teacher completes the exercise.__

7) Google was founded by Larry and Sergey.
   __Larry and Sergey founded Google.__

8) Football is played by the children.
   __The children play football.__

9) The computer is used by Patrick.
   __Patrick uses the computer.__

10) Coffee is sold by Marie.
    __Marie sells coffee.__