

The passive voice in the simple past – A new theme park

Come to our new theme park! It's fun for all age groups and will open soon near Blubbertown.

Here you can see the park's activities.	Change the activities into the simple past passive.
<p>Let's come to some facts first...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The owner changed six square kilometres of undeveloped area into a park of pure entertainment – both indoors and outdoors. Different companies constructed, furnished¹ and supplied² five cafés, three restaurants and a dozen shops. The park employed hundreds of workers to move earth, to build and to transform structures. The constructors utilised³ 25 building cranes⁴ to move material and to erect all structures. Imagine: They threw away 156 work tools because of deterioration⁵. And we do not only talk about small drilling machines⁶... 	<p>Let's come to some facts first...</p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six square kilometres of undeveloped area were changed into a park of pure entertainment – both indoors and outdoors. <p>NOW YOU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five cafés, three restaurants and a dozen shops were constructed, (were) furnished and (were) supplied. Hundreds of workers were employed to move earth, to build and to transform structures. 25 building cranes were utilised to move material and to erect all structures. Imagine: 156 work tools were thrown away because of deterioration. And we do not only talk about small drilling machines...

1 to furnish = möblieren
 2 to supply = beliefern
 3 to utilise = verwenden, benutzen
 4 a building crane = ein Baukran
 5 deterioration = Verschleiß
 6 a drilling machine = eine Bohrmaschine

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- They **made** a pool with artificial waves as high as five metres and a 25 metres long water chute⁷.
- Moreover, workers **installed** a super bubbly whirlpool area. In the same pool area they **created** a waterfall so that waterfall jumping will surely be on everybody's list.
- Other craftspeople⁸ **raised** a diving tower and **dug** an underwater world to explore and **filled** both with a lot of water, cliffs and fish.
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⁷ a water chute = eine Wasserrutsche

⁸ craftsman, craftswoman; craftspeople = Handwerker, Handwerkerin; Handwerker (pl.)

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- For visitors who love to stroll⁹ in a peaceful surrounding they **planned** a park where gardeners **planted** 25 huge flower beds and 100 different exotic trees.
- The owner **bought** or **saved** 250 animals for a wildlife park and these just wait to be stroked and fed.
- Experts **hired** high speed bikes to explore the immense area and offers.
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Now – which of those attractions draw you in most? Does ONE day really do???

¹⁰ buzz (figural, informal, slang term) = Kick