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**Practice**

- Choose the active form of the verb in brackets to complete these sentences.
 - An old and historic parliament (was ruled by/rules) our country.
 - Members of the public over 18 (vote/were to vote) for members of Parliament.
 - The House of Lords (takes/were taken by) some votes.
 - The House of Commons (are decided by/decides) most of the laws.
 - Parliament (makes/are made by) the laws of our country.
 - The government (is ensured by/ensures) law and order in our country.
 - Parliament (invites/was invited by) the Queen to visit every year.
- Rewrite these sentences in the passive form. For example,
Our country is ruled by an old and historic parliament.

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- Copy and complete the sentences by matching the passive sentence to its active one.

Trout are found in this stream.

The new submarine was launched by the Queen last week.

My sister is looked after by Aunt Sophie.

Our car was parked by students.

The new printer is powered by microwaves.

My bag was examined by the police.

Aunt Sophie looks after my sister.

Microwaves power the new printer.

People find trout in this stream.

The Queen launched the new submarine last week.

The police examined my bag.

Students parked our car.

Now add two more examples to the table. Underline the subject of the sentence in each example and circle each verb.

- Explain the differences between a sentence in the passive and the active form.