Exercises on the passive voice - simple past

Simple past passive

A: St. Paul's Cathedral _________________ (build) by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire of London. Wasn't it?

B: Yes, it was. But I don't know exactly when _________________ (construct),

A: A lot of buildings _________________ (destroy) in the Great Fire.

B: But surprisingly, not many people _________________ (kill).

When was it done?

These are the notes on the history of Mancroft College. Write down what was done and when.

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<td>1995</td>
<td>added 5 new classrooms</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>put up new gym</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>renovated playground</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>put in new windows</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>painted whole school</td>
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Example: Mancroft School was built in 1990.
How much do you know?

Fill in the correct form of the verb and decide whether there must be a "by-agent" or not.

Passiv ohne by

Toothpaste was first used in 1841.
Wir wissen nicht oder halten für unwichtig, wer etwas tat.

Passiv mit by

The first biros were made by a Hungarian
Der Handeln des wird besonders betont.

1. The earliest numbers __________________________ (write) about 5000 years ago.
2. The first alphabet __________________________ (use) in Syria about 3,500 years ago.
3. The first Christmas card __________________________ (send) in 1853.
4. Paper ___________ first _________________ (produce) by the Chinese in 105 AD.
5. The first biros ________________ (make) Lazlo Biro from Hungary.
6. Pencils __________________________ (first, make) in the 1790s in France and England.
7. Felt-tips __________________________ (first, use) the Japanese in 1964.
8. Personal Computers (PCs) __________________________ (first, sell) in the 1970s.
10. The first watch __________________________ (make) a Bavarian in 1504.
11. The first bar of chocolate __________________________ (make) in 1819.
12. Tobacco __________________________ (smoke) the American Indians.
13. It __________________________ (bring) to Europe in the 1500s.
14. Movies __________________________ (first, see) in New York in 1885.

The accident
What does the boy tell the reporter? Put in the right verb forms.

Reporter: What can you tell me about the accident? How did it happen?
Boy:
Well, there was a girl on a bike and the car __________________________ (drive) by a man. I don't think the girl saw the car because of the trees here.
She __________________________ (hurt) in the accident, but the man __________________________ (hurt), too. He couldn't open the door of the car, he __________________________ (trap). The police and firemen __________________________ (call) and the man __________________________ (rescue) with their special equipment. The girl __________________________ (take) to
hospital, and the man, too. It was a good thing that nobody (kill). This is a really dangerous road. Two boys (injure) here last year, but nothing (do). It's still not safe here.