Passives Exercises 1

Use the words in the following list to complete the sentences. All of the sentences are passive. Use any appropriate tense.

- build
- cause
- confuse
- divide
- expect
- frighten
- invent
- kill
- offer
- order
- report
- spell
- surprise
- surround
- wear

1. The electric light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison.

2. An island __________ by water.

3. The -ing form of "sit" __________ with a double t.

4. Even though construction costs are high, a new dormitory __________ next year.

5. The class was too large, so it __________ into two sections.

6. A bracelet __________ around the wrist.

7. The Johnson's house burned down. According to the inspector, the fire __________ by lightning.

8. Ben got a ticket for reckless driving. When he went to traffic court, he __________ to pay a fine of $100.

9. I read about a hunter who __________ by a wild animal.

10. The hunter's fatal accident __________ in the newspaper yesterday.

11. I didn't expect Lisa to come to the meeting last night, but she was there. I __________ to see her there.

12. Last week, I __________ a job at a local bank, but I didn't accept.

13. The children __________ in the middle of the night when they heard strange noises in the house.

14. Could you try to explain this math problem to me again? Yesterday in class I __________ by the teacher’s explanation.

15. A: Is the plane going to be late? B: No. It __________ to be on time.