Beaten by a Ten-Year-Old

English · B2

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · The passive: was / were + done

Find it: __ / 4

1 · SEE IT

My bishop was taken, my knight was lost,

2 · LEARN IT

it was built	someone built it	**we were discovered**	someone discovered us
I was beaten by a kid	a kid beat me	**it was decided without us**	they decided
it was sold	someone sold it	**my food was brought out**	someone brought it

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of the passive. One line has none.

1. my king was trapped before I could think,
2. I had been called the king of that corner so often
3. my queen was cornered, my rook was captured,
4. His mother told me later that he had been studying
5. They say I was beaten by a ten-year-old,

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ an old man in a hat would be an easy win.
- ☐ and for once, what they say is true.
- ☐ taking five bucks from tourists who thought
- ☐ For thirty years I had been playing at the same stone table
- ☐ in the corner of Washington Square Park,

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use beaten.

1. I was _____ by a ten-year-old,

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ☐ **/ 10**

For parents: scan to play the song at home. The app is free to try.

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English · B2 · Grammar: The passive: was / were + done · 10 points

Grammar · Find it (4)

1 trapped 2 called 3 cornered, captured 4 none 5 beaten

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

an old man in a hat would be an easy win. 5 · and for once, what they say is true. 1 · taking five bucks from tourists who thought 4 · For thirty years I had been playing at the same stone table 2 · in the corner of Washington Square Park, 3

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 beaten

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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