UNIT 3 · GRAMMAR FOCUS 1 ANSWER KEY

What happened to it?

The soldiers were made… · It was found…

Notice: The object comes first

Historians often write about an object, not the people who made it. Often, we do not know their names.

THE PERSON COMES FIRST	THE OBJECT COMES FIRST
Workers **made** the clay soldiers.	The clay soldiers **were made** for the emperor.
Farmers **found** the first soldier in 1974.	The first soldier **was found** in 1974.
person + verb + object	*object + was / were + past participle*

WAS OR WERE?

one thing → **was** It was buried.
more than one → **were** They were buried.

PAST PARTICIPLE

make → **made**
find → **found**
bury → **buried**
paint → **painted**
build → **built**

Key idea: use was / were + past participle when the object is more important than the person.

Practice: Complete the sentences

Read the timeline from Lesson 3. Then write was or were + the past participle of the verb in brackets.

The Terracotta Army

When?	before 210 BCE	210 BCE	1974	1979
What happened?	soldiers made of clay	emperor buried at Mount Li	first soldier found	museum opened

1 About 8,000 clay soldiers **were made** (make) before 210 BCE.

2 The First Emperor **was buried** (bury) at Mount Li in 210 BCE.

3 The soldiers **were painted** (paint) in bright colours, but most of the paint has gone.

4 The first soldier **was found** (find) by farmers in 1974.

5 The museum **was opened** (open) in 1979.

Fix it Each sentence has one mistake. Write it again correctly.

6 "The clay soldiers was buried near the tomb."

Suggested answer: **The clay soldiers were buried near the tomb.**

7 "The first soldier was find by farmers."

Suggested answer: **The first soldier was found by farmers.**

Your turn: The Pompeii casts

Look at the fact box from Lesson 2. Write three sentences with was or were + past participle.



A cast from Pompeii. Photo: falco, Pixabay.

FACT BOX

AD 79 Pompeii / cover in ash
AD 79 many people / bury under the ash
1863 the first casts / make with plaster

1 In AD 79, Pompeii ...

Suggested answer: **In AD 79, Pompeii was covered in ash.**

2 Many people ...

Suggested answer: **Many people were buried under the ash.**

3 In 1863, the first casts ...

Suggested answer: **In 1863, the first casts were made with plaster.**

Check: one thing → was. More than one → were. Then the past participle.