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The passive voice

Grammar worksheet · Ficha de gramática inglesa: la voz pasiva (be y el participio)

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My favourite book was written by _____

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In my country, _____ is spoken.

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