

Vincent van Gogh

Identify the tenses in these sentences. What is the difference in meaning?

1. While Vincent was recovering, he painted *Corridor in the Asylum*.
When Vincent had recovered, he painted *Corridor in the Asylum*.
2. When Gauguin arrived in Arles, Vincent had decorated The Yellow House.
Vincent was decorating The Yellow House.
Vincent decorated The Yellow House.
3. Vincent used to drink heavily.
Vincent had been drinking heavily when he threw a glass at Gauguin's head.
Vincent drank a lot on the night of the quarrel.
4. Vincent had cut off his ear when he arrived at the brothel.
Vincent cut off his ear when he arrived at the brothel.
Vincent was cutting off his ear when he arrived at the brothel.

Turn these active sentences into passive sentences. Then check the text for the answers.

1. Goupil employed Vincent in The Hague, London and Paris.
2. Goupil dismissed Vincent in March 1876.
3. Dr Félix Rey visited Vincent in The Yellow House.
4. The asylum admitted Vincent as a voluntary patient.
5. The asylum allowed Vincent to paint.
6. The hospital garden attracted Vincent.
7. Vincent's pictures covered the walls of Theo's flat.
8. The innkeeper found Vincent.
9. Vincent created most of his paintings within a ten-year period.
10. Vincent's expressive style has influenced many artists.