



THE STORY OF THE HAMBURGER

Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Focus: Past passive voice + sequencing words

Grammar explanation, sentence practice, timeline task and creative writing.

Grammar Focus 1: Past Passive Voice

Structure:	Examples:
<i>was/were + past participle</i> Use it to describe historical events or inventions.	"The Hamburg steak was brought to America." "The first burger was served in 1900." "The hamburger was invented by someone — we're not sure who!"

Student Task: Rewrite the active sentences using passive voice.

1. Mongolian horsemen softened meat under their saddles.

2. German immigrants brought the Hamburg steak to the U.S.

3. Louis Lassen served the first hamburger.

4. Fast food chains spread the burger around the world.

5. People added cheese, pickles, and sauces.

Grammar Focus 2: Sequencing Words

Below are five historical events from the hamburger's journey — but they're in the wrong order.

- Step 1: Put the events in the correct order (1–5).
- Step 2: Add sequencing words (e.g., First, Then, Later, After that, Finally).
- Step 3: Write the full paragraph using passive voice and sequencing.

Reorder & Sequence

1. _____ The hamburger was brought to America.
2. _____ Mongolian horsemen softened meat under their saddles.
3. _____ Someone added bread and made a hamburger.
4. _____ The idea became steak tartare in Russia.
5. _____ It evolved into the Hamburg steak in Germany.

Creative Task — “Burger History in 5 Sentences”

Write a short paragraph (5–7 sentences) using:

At least two passive voice sentences

At least three sequencing words

One fun or surprising detail

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Burger for Lunch — Sequencing Practice

- Imagine you decide to have a hamburger for lunch.
- Write 5–6 sentences describing what happens, using sequencing words like: First, Then, Next, After that, Finally

Example:

First, I walked to the fast-food restaurant near my school.

Then, I...

Your Turn: Write your own burger adventure. Be creative! You can include friends, strange toppings, or a surprise ending.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Teacher's Key

Grammar Focus 1: Past Passive Voice

Student Task: Rewrite the active sentences using passive voice.

1. Mongolian horsemen softened meat under their saddles.
Meat was softened under saddles by Mongolian horsemen.
2. German immigrants brought the Hamburg steak to the U.S.
The Hamburg steak was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants.
3. Louis Lassen served the first hamburger.
The first hamburger was served by Louis Lassen.
4. Fast food chains spread the burger around the world.
The burger was spread around the world by fast food chains.
5. People added cheese, pickles, and sauces.
Cheese, pickles, and sauces were added.

Grammar Focus 2: Sequencing Words

1. **First**, Mongolian horsemen softened meat under their saddles.
2. **Then**, the idea became steak tartare in Russia.
3. **Later**, it evolved into the Hamburg steak in Germany.
4. **After that**, the hamburger was brought to America.
5. **Finally**, someone added bread and made a hamburger.

Example:

1. First, raw meat was softened under saddles.
2. Then, it was turned into steak tartare.
3. Later, it became the Hamburg steak.
4. After that, it was brought to America.
5. Finally, someone added bread — and the hamburger was born.
6. Today, it's eaten with everything from pineapple to peanut butter.