



The British built the first tanks during World War I (1914 – 1918). The work was carried out in complete secrecy. Even the workmen in the factory where they were made had no idea what these bulky lorries were to be. The men were told that the machines were going to be used in Egypt for transporting large quantities of water. Every record which was made regarding them was headed

WATER-CARRIER. After some time, this was shortened by the workmen to TANK. The name was kept, and has since then been adopted by nearly all countries.

carry out: effectuer
secrecy: secret
bulky: massif
record: rapport
regarding: concernant
to head: titrer
adopted: adopté

Answer the questions:

- When were the first tanks made?
- Who made them?.....
- What does a tank look like?
- Why was their manufacture kept a secret?.....
- What were the workers told?
- Were there any other inventions and developments made during World War I?.....
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- Do you think that war can be avoided some day in the future?
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Le **passif** est construit avec:
BE+participe passé (+by+objet)
The first tanks were made by the British.
Les premiers tanks furent construits par les Anglais.

Translate:

- 1. Les tanks furent utilisés en France.
- 2. Les premiers tanks furent construits par les Anglais
- 3. On dit aux travailleurs que les camions seraient utilisés en Egypte.
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- 4. Le nom fut adopté par presque tous les pays.
- 5. Le nom fut gardé.