

6A GRAMMAR the passive *be* + past participle

a Circle the correct form, active or passive.

My favourite film: *Spider-Man*

The Spider-Man movies ¹**based** / **are based** on the Marvel Comics character Spider-Man, who is the alter-ego of Peter Parker, a photographer who works for a local newspaper, the *Daily Bugle*.

When he is young, some important documents ²**steal** / **are stolen** from Peter's home, and his parents then mysteriously ³**disappear** / **are disappeared**. Peter ⁴**sends** / **is sent** to live with his aunt and uncle. Here, he starts a new school, a new life, and becomes interested in science.



One day, he's in the school laboratory doing some experiments and he ⁵**bites** / **is bitten** by a genetically modified spider. From that moment, he has the same abilities as a spider. During the films he ⁶**fights** / **is fought** against criminals and ⁷**falls** / **is fallen** in love with his schoolmate, Gwen Stacey.

The special effects for the latest Spider-Man movie ⁸**made** / **were made** with a special 3D-camera. The fantastic soundtrack was partly written by the British group Coldplay and thousands of copies of the track ⁹**have bought** / **have been bought** all over the world.

b Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Write the answers in the column on the right.

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| 1 I <input type="text"/> (give) a book for my birthday that I'd already read. | <u>was given</u> |
| 2 If you take a credit card with you on holiday, I'm sure it <input type="text"/> (accept) in most places. | _____ |
| 3 This dress is silk. It has to <input type="text"/> (wash) in cold water or it will shrink. | _____ |
| 4 The actress realized that she <input type="text"/> (follow) by the paparazzi, so she drove home again. | _____ |
| 5 A <input type="text"/> the thief <input type="text"/> (catch) yet?
B I don't think so. The police are still looking for him. | _____ |
| 6 <input type="text"/> you ever <input type="text"/> (tell) a secret that you couldn't keep? | _____ |
| 7 This bank <input type="text"/> (rob) twice since it opened last year. | _____ |
| 8 When Jack arrived at the meeting, the decision <input type="text"/> (already make). | _____ |
| 9 Our flat <input type="text"/> (paint) at the moment. Everything's in a real mess! | _____ |
| 10 Although Pete thought the interview had gone really well, he <input type="text"/> (not offer) the job. | _____ |
| 11 When does this book have to <input type="text"/> (return) to the library? | _____ |
| 12 When we got to the car park we saw to our horror that our car <input type="text"/> (steal). | _____ |

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c Cover the column on the right in b and look at the sentences. Read the sentences aloud with the passive in the correct form.

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a)

2 are stolen

3 disappear

4 is sent

5 is bitten

6 fight

7 falls

8 were made

9 have been bought

b)

2 will be accepted

3 be washed

4 was being followed

5 Has (the thief) been caught

6 Have (you ever) been told

7 has been robbed

8 had already been made

9 is being painted

10 wasn't offered

11 be returned

12 had been stolen