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Grammar

Passive structures

I can use passive structures.

ARGO – THE REAL STORY

In 1979, during the Iranian Revolution, the American embassy in Tehran ¹ (occupy) by revolutionaries, and embassy staff became hostages. America ² (see) as an enemy by the new government, and any American ³ (catch) on the streets could ⁴ (arrest). Five diplomats managed to escape and hide after ⁵ (help) by citizens of Canada and other countries. Then the CIA came up with a rescue plan.

Fake Canadian passports ⁶ (produce) for the diplomats, along with a story to explain why they were in Iran: they were a Canadian film crew in Tehran to find locations for a new film. For their story ⁷ (believe), Hollywood writers ⁸ (ask) to produce a real film script for the operation. They came up with a science-fiction film called *Argo*, ⁹ (set) in an alien city that looked exactly like Tehran – the story was probably too strange ¹⁰ (doubt)!



On 27 January 1980, the diplomats used their fake identities to get through security at Tehran's airport and board a flight to Switzerland. After months in hiding, they were free!

1 Complete the text with the correct passive forms.

2 Write passive sentences from the cues.

- 1 I / never like / be / tell / what to do by others

- 2 years ago, Tom / give / a small part in a Bond movie

- 3 today Amy Adams / regard / as a great actress

- 4 the film / direct / by JJ Abrams / cost / \$50 million

- 5 give / a role in any film / you / need / audition

- 6 we / wake up / this morning by a loud noise outside

3 Rewrite the sentences using a passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 They presented the film at the film festival. (show)

- 2 Undercover CIA agents often risk death. (kill)

- 3 People say that Josh is getting divorced. (rumour)

- 4 People invented that story – it's not true. (make up)

- 5 If you want them to select you for the Olympic team, you need to train harder. (choose)

- 6 A reporter was talking to me when we heard the explosion. (interview)

4 Complete the sentences using the auxiliary passive and the phrases below.

a medal / present a strange package / deliver
bag / steal my phone / confiscate my bank card / take
our army boots / give the trick / explain
our wedding dinner / cook

- 1 The soldier had a medal *presented* to her for bravery in battle.
- 2 I _____ because I was using Whatsapp in class.
- 3 We _____ for us by a celebrity chef.
- 4 Tessa _____ to her, but she still couldn't work out how the magician had done it.
- 5 I _____ from me by the cash machine. Maybe I used the wrong pin code.
- 6 We _____ to us by an officer in the store room.
- 7 At the start of the film, a killer _____ to a complete stranger – inside it, there was a gun and a photo.
- 8 I _____ when I left it under a café table and went to get a drink.

5 Rewrite the incorrect sentences. Tick (✓) the correct ones.

- ☐ 1 Have you had everything explained you yet?

- ☐ 2 Jack had his photo took for the film poster.

- ☐ 3 I had an amazing trick was played on me by a magician.

- ☐ 4 We had checked our passports twice at the airport.

- ☐ 5 I'm having flowers sent to my mum for her birthday.

- ☐ 6 Why don't you have tidied your garden?
