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The passive

1 Match the active sentences with the passive versions and complete the passive forms.

- 1 Someone reads a poem every morning on the radio.
- 2 We might never know the identity of this song's composer.
- 3 My friends were singing a very boring song.
- 4 Someone had created a beautiful piece of art.
- 5 My father painted the portrait in our sitting room.
- 6 People all around the world will watch Philip Glass's new opera.
- 7 Someone has bought my sculpture!

- ___ a The portrait in our sitting room _____ by my father.
- ___ b A very boring song _____ by my friends.
- ___ c My sculpture _____!
- ___ d _____ every morning on the radio.
- ___ e A beautiful piece of art _____.
- ___ f The identity of this song's composer _____.
- ___ g Philip Glass's new opera _____ by people all around the world.

2 Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Today, I'm visiting a writer's workshop in South London.

The workshop ¹_____ (set up) in 2015 by author Dave LeMarr, whose best-selling novel *Voices in Time*

²_____ (sell) in 25 different countries since it

³_____ (first / publish) in 2006. At the moment,

students at the workshop ⁴_____ (teach) simple and effective ways to improve their skills. Yesterday

they ⁵_____ (show) a piece of badly written text and they ⁶_____ (ask) to

rewrite it, using a list of five key writing techniques. Tomorrow, they ⁷_____

(give) a beginning sentence and they will have to write a short story in just two hours.

'People can create amazing things when they are under pressure!' says LeMarr. 'The next great novelist ⁸_____ (might / discover) at tomorrow's workshop!'

