

GRAMMAR

the passive

1 Read the statements about filming wildlife and decide if they are true (T) or false (F)?

- The wildlife is being filmed in its natural habitat. In this sentence, the focus is on the camera operators, not on the animals.
- A You should respect other people's opinions.
B Other people's opinions should be respected. Sentence B is more formal than A.
- The footage of the eagle was filmed on location in Spain.
This sentence needs 'by the camera crew' to be complete.
- I stepped on a snake and nearly got bitten.
This sentence is more likely to appear in conversation than formal writing.
- She was awarded first prize for her film on local wildlife.
You wouldn't normally use *got* instead of *was* in this sentence.
- A It is said that cats are more independent than dogs.
B Cats are said to be more independent than dogs.
Sentences A and B don't mean the same thing.

2 Complete the sentences with one missing word.

- She was really upset about dropped from the basketball team.
- We were disappointed because the film we wanted to see being shown.
- The lift is out of order. It be repaired as soon as possible.
- Keep your ticket because you might asked to show it at any time.
- Our online magazine published once a month.
- The castle was out of stone in the tenth century.
- We couldn't cross over the water because the bridge been completed.
- Factories across the region are closed due to the economic crisis.
- The theft is still under investigation and the thief not yet been found.
- Mum is working just now so she doesn't want to disturbed.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Give two answers for number 6.

- People say she's the best singer of her generation.
She
- People claim that the result of the election was unfair.
It
- The papers report that the celebrities got married in secret.
The celebrities
- Millions of people all over the world shared the online video.
The online video
- They made us wait for hours before they let us into the stadium.
We before we
- They showed the visitors the most interesting parts of the city.
They most interesting parts of the city
The visitors

4 Complete the article with a suitable form of the verbs in passive form. Use short forms where possible.

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Dare to step into the darkness

Have you ever walked around your town after dark? Darkness ¹ always (associate) with crime.

It ² also (think) to be the time for ghosts and monsters, so why go out after midnight? Simply to get a new perspective on where you live.

Walks in the hours of darkness ³ now (offer) by a group called NightOwls.

I was nervous about trying a nightwalk, but I ⁴ (persuade) to give it a go and I'm glad I did. At 2 a.m. last Sunday, as the group ⁵ (guide) away from the streetlights, the town felt like a film set. And after my eyes had adjusted to the darkness, I felt surprisingly at home. My hearing ⁶ (allow) to take over. Car horns and mobiles ⁷ (replace) by the sounds of wildlife and the area ⁸ (light) by a million stars.

In our hi-tech world, we ⁹ so easily (get/distract) by gadgets. On a nightwalk, smartphones ¹⁰ (not have/leave) at home, but they ¹¹ (must/keep) turned off. NightOwls want walkers to ¹² (integrate) into the experience as fully as possible.