

**1** Complete the story using the correct past tense form of the verbs. Use both active and passive forms.

Most people <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) of Richard Branson – head of the Virgin Group – and his business success. But not many people know about his love of April Fools' jokes\*. In 2011, an article <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / publish) on the Virgin website announcing that Branson <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (just / buy) the planet Pluto. In 2013, he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (reveal) that his company <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for some time on a glass-bottomed plane so passengers could look down at the scenery while they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fly). The story <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / pick) up by several media agencies. He <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (even / play) an April Fools' joke on the British police. In 1989, they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / call) to a field near London, where several people <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (report) seeing a UFO. The officers <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / expect) to find anything unusual, so they were shocked to see a silver flying saucer in the field. (In fact it was a hot air balloon that <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / make) to look like a UFO.) They were even more surprised when a figure in a silver suit <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (step) out of it!

\* On April 1st it is traditional in the UK to play practical jokes on people (with untrue stories)

