

6A GRAMMAR the passive *be* + past participle

a Circle the correct form, active or passive.

My favorite film: *Spider-Man*

The Spider-Man movies ¹based / 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 ²steal / are stolen from Peter's home, and his parents then mysteriously ³disappear / are disappeared. Peter ⁴sends / 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 ⁵bites / is bitten by a genetically modified spider. From that moment, he has the same abilities as a spider. During the movies he ⁶fights / is fought against criminals and ⁷falls / is fallen in love with his classmate, Gwen Stacey.

The special effects for the latest Spider-Man movie ⁸made / 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 ⁹have bought / have been bought all over the world.

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

- I was given (give) a book for my birthday that I'd already read.
- If you take a credit card with you on vacation, I'm sure it is accepted in most places.
- This dress is silk. It has to be washed (wash) in cold water or it will shrink.
- The actress realized that she was followed (follow) by the paparazzi, so she drove home again.
- A has caught the thief yet?
B I don't think so. The police are still looking for him.
- Have you ever been told (tell) a secret that you couldn't keep?
- This bank has been robbed (rob) twice since it opened last year.
- When Jack arrived at the meeting, the decision had already been made (already make).
- Our apartment is being painted (paint) right now. Everything's a real mess!
- Although Pete thought the interview had gone really well, he was not offered (not offer) the job.
- When does this book have to be returned (return) to the library?
- When we got to the parking garage we saw to our horror that our car had been stolen (steal).