

5B

Grammar

Passive structures

I can use passive structures.

ARGO – THE REAL STORY

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

Fake Canadian passports [] (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 [] (believe), Hollywood writers [] (ask) to produce a real film script for the operation. They came up with a science-fiction film called *Argo*, [] (set) in an alien city that looked exactly like Tehran – the story was probably too strange [] (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 J.J. Abrams / cost / \$50 million

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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)

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2 Undercover CIA agents often risk death. (kill)

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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 to 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?