8 Grammar in use

Passive

1 ★ **Choose the correct verb form:** *is, are, was* **or** *were.*

1 The animals in the film we saw ..... created by computers.
2 In Britain, soap operas ..... enjoyed by millions of people every day.
3 The main character ..... played by Ben Stiller.
4 *Life of Pi* ..... written by Yann Martel.
5 A new episode of the sitcom ..... shown every Friday at 9 pm.
6 The film ..... released at the end of 2012.

2 ★★ **Rewrite the sentences in the passive.**

1 Ten million people watch the reality show every Saturday. .....
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2 J.R.R. Tolkien wrote *The Hobbit*.
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3 They released her new album last week.
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4 Rachel composed the songs on the soundtrack.
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5 You need 3D glasses to watch the film.
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6 They filmed *The Hobbit* with special cameras. .....
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QUESTIONS IN THE PASSIVE

ACTIVE:	*Who painted the painting?* *Why did they cancel the sitcom?*
PASSIVE:	*Who was the painting painted by?* *Why was the sitcom cancelled?*

3 ★ **Rewrite the questions in the passive.**

1 Who sings this song?
.....
2 Who directed the film?
.....
3 When did they build the theatre?
.....
4 Where did they film the action scenes?
.....

4 ★★ **Complete the second sentence, using the word in bold, so that it means the same as the first sentence. Do not use more than four words to complete each sentence.**

1 They gave me a free ticket to watch the game show. **(WAS)**
I ..... a free ticket to watch the game show.
2 Who plays the violin? **(IS)**
Who ..... by?
3 They shoot most of their films in 3D. **(ARE)**
Most of their films ..... in 3D.
4 The director sent us tickets. **(WERE)**
We ..... tickets by the director.
5 When did they make the film? **(WAS)**
When ..... made?
6 The Mayor opened the cinema. **(WAS)**
The cinema ..... the Mayor.
7 Who writes the jokes? **(ARE)**
Who ..... by?
8 Terry booked the seats for the film. **(WERE)**
The seats for the film ..... Terry.

Question tags

5 ★ **Fill in the correct question tag.**

1 That film seems interesting, ...?
2 We've got the DVD of that film, ...?
3 You didn't go to the concert last night, ...?
4 Let's watch a comedy, ...?
5 Don't lose the tickets, ...?
6 Steve is playing the main character, ...?
7 You will give me a lift to the cinema, ...?
8 I'm allowed to go and watch the band, ...?
9 Ray can play the guitar very well, ...?
10 He had a leading role in the film, ...?

LIVEWORKSHEETS