

# Passive voice

a Circle the correct form, active or passive.

- The college *built* / *was built* in the 16th century.
- 1 The costumes for the show *are making* / *are being made* by hand.
  - 2 The landscape *inspired* / *was inspired* him to write a poem.
  - 3 This castle *hasn't inhabited* / *hasn't been inhabited* for nearly a century.
  - 4 The director's last film *set* / *is set* in the present.
  - 5 The film *will shoot* / *will be shot* in the autumn.
  - 6 The actors *aren't recording* / *aren't being recorded* the dialogue until next week.
  - 7 The house *wasn't using* / *wasn't being used* by the owners during the winter.
  - 8 The make-up artist *has transformed* / *has been transformed* the actor into a monster.
  - 9 They *hadn't owned* / *hadn't been owned* the company for very long before they went bankrupt.
  - 10 The photo *took* / *was taken* by my husband on the balcony of our hotel.

b Rewrite the sentences with the passive. Only use *by* if necessary.

- People don't use this room very often. *This room isn't used very often.*
- 1 They subtitle a lot of foreign films.  
A lot of foreign films \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2 García Márquez wrote *Love in the Time of Cholera*.  
*Love in the Time of Cholera* \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 Someone is repairing my laptop.  
My laptop \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4 They haven't released the DVD of the film yet.  
The DVD of the film \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5 They won't finish the film until the spring.  
The film \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6 You have to collect the tickets from the box office.  
The tickets \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 7 They hadn't told the actor about the changes in the script.  
The actor \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 8 James Cameron directed *Avatar*.  
*Avatar* \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 9 They've already recorded the soundtrack.  
The soundtrack \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 10 They were interviewing the director about the film.  
The director \_\_\_\_\_.