

PASSIVE VS. ACTIVE

Complete the sentences by putting the verbs into the correct passive tense

Did you know...?

- 1 The country with the smallest movie industry is Iceland, where only three movies are made every year. (make)
- 2 More than 26,000 costumes were used in the 1963 movie *Cleopatra*. (use)
- 3 In the near future more movies will be seen on computers than at the movie theater. (see)
- 4 The most filmed character is Sherlock Holmes. Until now, more than 200 different movies have been made about him. (make)
- 5 Spielberg's movie *The Color Purple* was nominated for 11 Oscars in 1985, but didn't win any. (nominate)
- 6 Macaulay Culkin was paid \$4.5 million dollars for his role in *Home Alone* in 1990. (pay) This was a record for a child at the time.
- 7 The director Stanley Kubrick died while his movie *Artificial Intelligence* was being made. Spielberg asked to finish the movie. (ask)
- 8 When the actress Marilyn Monroe died of a drug overdose in 1962, many people believed that she was murdered by the CIA. (murder)
- 9 Over 300,000 extras were used for the crowd scenes in the movie *Gandhi* in 1982. (use)
- 10 At this very moment, thousands of movies are being made all over the world. (make)



Active or passive. Choose the correct form

The Piano was the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 1993. It was made by Jane Campion, and it starred Holly Hunter and Harvey Keitel. It was set in New Zealand in the 19th century, and is about a Scottish woman, Ada, who was forced there by her parents to marry a local man. She only had two things with her: her daughter and her piano. Ada never spoke, and has a very unhappy time with her new husband, who is a violent man. Ada fell in love with a neighbor and finally she left by him from her husband, and in her new life she was able to speak again. The unforgettable soundtrack was composed by Michael Nyman, and millions of copies of the CD were sold all over the world.

