

# GRAMMAR

## the passive

### 1 Read the statements about filming wildlife and decide if they are true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The wildlife is being filmed in its natural habitat.  
In this sentence, the focus is on the camera operators, not on the animals. ....
- 2 A You should respect other people's opinions.  
B Other people's opinions should be respected.  
Sentence B is more formal than A. ....
- 3 The footage of the eagle was filmed on location in Spain.  
This sentence needs 'by the camera crew' to be complete. ....
- 4 I stepped on a snake and nearly got bitten.  
This sentence is more likely to appear in conversation than formal writing. ....
- 5 She was awarded first prize for her film on local wildlife.  
You wouldn't normally use got instead of was in this sentence. ....
- 6 A It is said that cats are more independent than dogs.  
B Cats are said to be more independent than dogs.  
Sentences A and B don't mean the same thing. ....

### 2 Complete the sentences with one missing word.

- 1 She was really upset about ..... dropped from the basketball team.
- 2 We were disappointed because the film we wanted to see ..... being shown.
- 3 The lift is out of order. It ..... be repaired as soon as possible.
- 4 Keep your ticket because you might ..... asked to show it at any time.
- 5 Our online magazine ..... published once a month.
- 6 The castle was ..... out of stone in the tenth century.
- 7 We couldn't cross over the water because the bridge ..... been completed.
- 8 Factories across the region are ..... closed due to the economic crisis.
- 9 The theft is still under investigation and the thief ..... not yet been found.
- 10 Mum is working just now so she doesn't want to ..... disturbed.

### 3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Give two answers for number 6.

- 1 People say she's the best singer of her generation.  
She .....
- 2 People claim that the result of the election was unfair.  
It .....
- 3 The papers report that the celebrities got married in secret.  
The celebrities .....
- 4 Millions of people all over the world shared the online video.  
The online video .....
- 5 They made us wait for hours before they let us into the stadium.  
We ..... before we .....
- 6 They showed the visitors the most interesting parts of the city.  
They .....  
The visitors .....

### 4 Complete the article with a suitable form of the verbs in passive form. Use short forms where possible.

## Dare to step into the darkness



Have you ever walked around your town after dark? Darkness <sup>1</sup> ..... always ..... (associate) with crime. It <sup>2</sup> ..... also ..... (think) to be the time for ghosts and monsters, so why go out after midnight? Simply to get a new perspective on where you live. Walks in the hours of darkness <sup>3</sup> ..... now ..... (offer) by a group called NightOwls.

I was nervous about trying a nightwalk, but I <sup>4</sup> ..... (persuade) to give it a go and I'm glad I did. At 2 a.m. last Sunday, as the group <sup>5</sup> ..... (guide) away from the streetlights, the town felt like a film set. And after my eyes had adjusted to the darkness, I felt surprisingly at home. My hearing <sup>6</sup> ..... (allow) to take over. Car horns and mobiles <sup>7</sup> ..... (replace) by the sounds of wildlife and the area <sup>8</sup> ..... (light) by a million stars.

In our hi-tech world, we <sup>9</sup> ..... so easily ..... (get/distract) by gadgets. On a nightwalk, smartphones <sup>10</sup> ..... (not have/leave) at home, but they <sup>11</sup> ..... (must/keep) turned off. NightOwls want walkers to <sup>12</sup> ..... (integrate) into the experience as fully as possible.

