
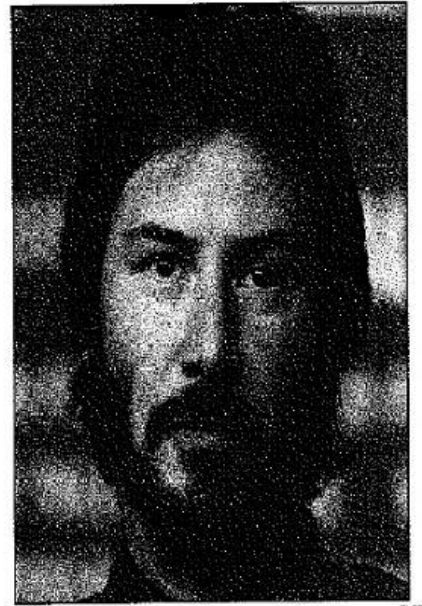



## 9a The telephone was invented.

Grammar: The passive: present simple, past simple, present perfect, past perfect

1  Choose the active or passive form.

Some stars **like** / **are liked** the paparazzi because they make them feel important. Their photographs **publish** / **are published** in many magazines and newspapers all over the world. Photographers **often pay** / **are often paid** thousands of pounds by these magazines and newspapers. However, celebrities sometimes get so angry with the paparazzi that they **attack** / **are attacked** them. Recently, one photographer **claimed** / **was claimed** that Keanu Reeves had attacked him. He said that he **had hurt** / **had been hurt** and couldn't work. Keanu Reeves **didn't believe** / **wasn't believed** him and wanted to show that the photographer was lying. So, the photographer **filmed** / **was filmed** secretly by a private detective. The photographer was working and he was still taking photographs. There was nothing wrong with him! In the end, Keanu was right after all.



**2**  **Change the active sentences into the passive. Use by + agent where necessary.**

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| <p>1 My friend wrote this article.<br/><u>This article was written by my friend.</u></p> <p>2 Millions of viewers watched the new reality TV programme.<br/>_____</p> <p>3 Photographers photographed Brad Pitt as he left the restaurant.<br/>_____</p> | <p>4 My friends didn't tell me about the party.<br/>_____</p> <p>5 Our teacher has given us lots of homework this week.<br/>_____</p> <p>6 Jack Stevens from Class 5 wrote the graffiti on the school wall.<br/>_____</p> |
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**3**  **Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.**

Where does the word 'paparazzi' come from? What does it mean? It <sup>1</sup> was first used (use) in 1960 in an Italian film. The film <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) *La Dolce Vita*. One of the characters in the film was a photographer and the character <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the name Paparazzo by the director Federico Fellini. In Italian, this means an annoying noise. It is the sound that <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) by a mosquito. Fellini <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) in an interview why he chose that name and he said that he had gone to school with a boy who <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the nickname Paparazzo by his friends. However, Fellini may have got the idea from somewhere else. Ennio Flaiano, who worked with Fellini, said that they had found the name in a book which <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (write) long before Fellini's film. It's not really important where the idea came from. Since *La Dolce Vita* <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_ (show) in 1960, the word paparazzo <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (use) all over the world to describe news photographers.

