



## 8 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present and past passive: affirmative and negative

1 ★ Complete the table with the words.

~~am not~~ are given isn't shown  
was weren't

Present and past passive		
Subject	be (present) be (past)	past participle
I	am / <del>am not</del> was / wasn't	1 _____ help.
You / We / You / They	2 _____ / aren't were / 3 _____	4 _____ films.
He / She / It	is / 5 _____ 6 _____ / wasn't	there.

2 ★★ Write sentences using the present or past passive.

This film / make / in New Zealand last year (past)  
This film **was made** in New Zealand last year.

- Many films / download / every day (present)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The actors / not tell / the plot until the first day of work (past)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Actors / not allow / to talk about the films until they are released (present)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Film stars / know / all around the world (present)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- All the food on the set / eat / by the workers (past)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Some critics / pay / to write good reviews of the films (past)  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 ★★ Rewrite the sentences using the passive. Start each sentence with the words in **bold**.

- They didn't pay **the actors** on time.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Someone broke **these plates** in the restaurant.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- We don't speak **Russian** in this shop.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- They didn't tell **Amy** about this!  
\_\_\_\_\_
- They give **special visitors** a blue ticket.  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 ★★ Complete the blog post with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

### Coming soon to a cinema near you!

Every film that is **made** (make) these days has a short advertising video known as a 'trailer'. A huge amount of money <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) on trailers, and they often <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) famous, too.  
Film trailers <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (know) for showing the best bits of the film. So in 2012, three American comedians <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to start making adverts to show the worst bits of films. They <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) 'Honest Trailers'. The first one <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) for Star Wars and it quickly went viral. Between 2012 and 2015, one hundred Honest Trailers <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (post) on YouTube, and these <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (view) by over thirty million people.

5 ★★★ Write about a TV programme that you like. Use the present and past passive forms of the verbs or your own ideas.

award base / set play show watch

It was **made** in the USA ...