

5 Complete the article with the correct passive form of the verbs below.

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## The Belgian detective

The character of the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot <sup>1</sup>was created by the writer Agatha Christie in the 1920s. Between 1920 and 1975 over 800 Poirot novels and short stories <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ . In the stories, Poirot sometimes works alone, but usually he <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ by his assistant, Captain Hastings. Poirot always dresses smartly and he <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for his neat moustache and his polite manners. He is very intelligent and believes that all crimes <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ by using the 'little grey cells' in your brain.

A lot of the Poirot stories <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ into popular films in the 1970s, and even today stories about Poirot <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ by millions of people each year on TV. When, finally, Poirot's death <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in a 1975 novel, an article about his life appeared in the newspaper *The Times*, as if he had been a real person!

# 1 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 The police are interviewing a **witness** who saw the robbery take place.
- 2 It will take a very clever **d**o**o****u****n****t****e** to catch this criminal!
- 3 The police questioned the **s**u**p**o**t**, but he didn't admit that he was guilty.
- 4 This is a very difficult **c**o**m****u****l****t****e** because there is very little evidence.
- 5 The police found Morton's **f**u**l****l****u****r****e****s****s** on the murder weapon.
- 6 The thieves were seen on the **C**o**m****u****l****u****r****e****s** in the shop.