

>> Look at the grammar rules on page 141 of your book if you need help.

**1 Race your partner**

Have a race with your partner. Who can find the correct third forms of the verbs below first? When you have finished, check all the forms with your partner – are they all correct?

1. give	
2. take	
3. see	
4. put	
5. use	
6. make	
7. bring	
8. do	
9. write	
10. tell	

**2 Mamma Mia!**

Complete the text. Use the past passive.

The musical *Mamma Mia!* is a hit all over the world, and more DVDs of the movie \_\_\_\_\_  
 (sell) in the UK in 2008 than of any other title. More than five million copies \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) by  
 people in Britain alone in the last few years.

The stage version of the musical \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by Catherine Johnson, who lives in Bristol, in  
 the west of England, and this version \_\_\_\_\_ (use) for the movie.

Lots of songs by the Swedish group ABBA \_\_\_\_\_ (put) together to make the musical, alt-  
 hough the story is not about the group.

Meryl Streep \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) to play the part of the mother, Donna, in the movie *Mamma  
 Mia!*, and the part of Sophie, her daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ (play) by Amanda Seyfried.

The film \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by a woman, and it \_\_\_\_\_ (direct) and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (design) by women, too.

**3** Passive or active?

Not every sentence with 'is' / 'are' or 'was' / 'were' is passive. Read these facts about the musical 'Mamma Mia!' and tick the correct boxes.

	Active	Passive
1. Sophie was the name of the girl who was getting married in <i>Mamma Mia!</i>		
2. There were three possible fathers in the story of <i>Mamma Mia!</i>		
3. The movie of <i>Mamma Mia!</i> was made in London and Greece.		
4. The screenplay was written by the same person who wrote the stage musical.		
5. The musical <i>Mamma Mia!</i> was first performed in London in 1999.		
6. <i>Mamma Mia!</i> was a world-wide success on the stage and as a movie.		

**4** It's not important who did it

When you write a report, you usually say what happened. Who did things is not so important; you can add that information with 'by'. Write a report using the information on the left and the past passive. You may want to add linking words, too. One sentence must stay as an active statement. If there isn't enough space, write in your exercise book.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The movie company sent a copy of a novel to a movie director.</li> <li>• The director found a writer.</li> <li>• The writer wrote the screenplay and sent it to the director.</li> <li>• The director read the screenplay and needed some changes.</li> <li>• The writer made the changes.</li> <li>• The director found actors for the main characters.</li> <li>• They built scenery at the film studios.</li> <li>• The designer found houses and other places for the outdoor scenes.</li> <li>• The movie company made and bought costumes for the main actors.</li> <li>• The director's assistant hired actors as 'extras': people in crowd scenes who don't say anything.</li> <li>• They shot the movie in four weeks.</li> <li>• The movie theaters showed the movie a year later. It was not a success.</li> <li>• Later they made a DVD of the movie and sold thousands of copies.</li> <li>• Then everyone thought of it as a great success!</li> </ul>	<p>A copy of a novel was</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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## Lösungen

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1. given
2. taken
3. seen
4. put
5. used
6. made
7. brought
8. done
9. written
10. told

2

were sold, were bought, was written, was used,  
were put, was chosen, was played, was written, was  
directed, was designed

3

1. active
2. active
3. passive
4. passive
5. passive
6. active

4

A copy of a novel was sent to a movie director. A  
writer was found and a screenplay was written and  
sent to the director.

The screenplay was read (by the director) and some  
changes were needed.

The changes were made and actors were found for  
the main characters. Scenery was built at the film  
studios.

Houses and other places were found for the out-  
door scenes.

Costumes were made and bought for the main  
actors, and actors were hired as extras.

The movie was shot in four weeks.

A year later the movie was shown in movie theaters.  
It was not a success.

A DVD was later made of the movie and thousands  
of copies were sold. Then it was thought of as a  
great success!