

a Complete the sentences by putting the verbs into the correct passive tense.

Did you know...?

- 1 The country with the smallest film industry is Iceland, where only three films are made every year. (make)
- 2 More than 26,000 costumes _____ in the 1963 film *Cleopatra*. (use)
- 3 In the near future more films _____ on computers than at the cinema. (see)
- 4 The most filmed character is Sherlock Holmes. Until now, more than 200 different films _____ about him. (make)
- 5 Spielberg's film *The Color Purple* _____ for 11 Oscars in 1985, but didn't win any. (nominate)
- 6 Macaulay Culkin _____ \$4.5 million dollars for his role in *Home Alone* in 1990. (pay) This was a record for a child at the time.
- 7 The director Stanley Kubrick died while his film *Artificial Intelligence* _____ (make). Spielberg _____ to finish the film. (ask)
- 8 When the actress Marilyn Monroe died of a drugs overdose in 1962, many people believed that she _____ by the CIA. (murder)
- 9 Over 300,000 extras _____ for the crowd scenes in the film *Gandhi*. (use)
- 10 At this very moment, thousands of films _____ all over the world. (make)



b Active or passive? Circle the correct form.

Films to collect on DVD: *The Piano*

The Piano ¹**won** / **was won** the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 1993. It ²**directed** / **was directed** by Jane Campion, and it starred Holly Hunter and Harvey Keitel. It ³**set** / **is set** in New Zealand in the 19th century, and is about a Scottish woman, Ada, who ⁴**sends** / **is sent** there by her parents to marry a local man. She only ⁵**takes** / **is taken** two things with her: her daughter and her piano. Ada never ⁶**speaks** / **is spoken**, and has a very unhappy time with her new husband, who is a violent man. Ada ⁷**falls** / **is fallen** in love with a neighbour and finally she ⁸**rescues** / **is rescued** by him from her husband, and in her new life she ⁹**learns** / **is learned** to speak again. The unforgettable soundtrack ¹⁰**wrote** / **was written** by Michael Nyman, and millions of copies of the CD ¹¹**have sold** / **have been sold** all over the world.

