

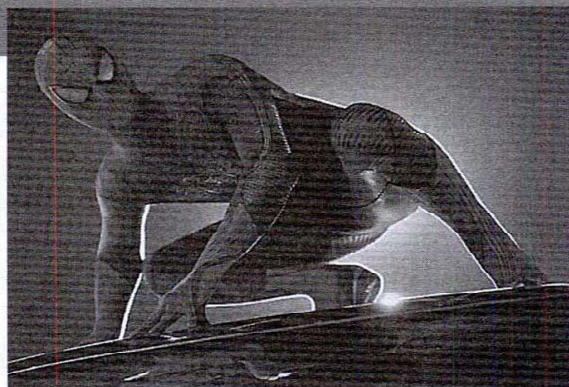
## 6A GRAMMAR the passive *be* + past participle

- a Circle the correct form, active or passive.

### My favorite film: *Spider-Man*

The Spider-Man movies <sup>1</sup>**based** / **are based** on the Marvel Comics character Spider-Man, who is the alter ego of Peter Parker, a photographer who works for a local newspaper, the *Daily Bugle*.

When he is young, some important documents <sup>2</sup>**steal** / **are stolen** from Peter's home, and his parents then mysteriously <sup>3</sup>**disappear** / **are disappeared**. Peter <sup>4</sup>**sends** / **is sent** to live with his aunt and uncle. Here, he starts a new school, a new life, and becomes interested in science.



One day, he's in the school laboratory doing some experiments and he <sup>5</sup>**bites** / **is bitten** by a genetically modified spider. From that moment, he has the same abilities as a spider. During the movies he <sup>6</sup>**fights** / **is fought** against criminals and <sup>7</sup>**falls** / **is fallen** in love with his classmate, Gwen Stacey.

The special effects for the latest Spider-Man movie <sup>8</sup>**made** / **were made** with a special 3D-camera. The fantastic soundtrack was partly written by the British group Coldplay, and thousands of copies of the track <sup>9</sup>**have bought** / **have been bought** all over the world.

- b Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in parentheses. Write the answers in the column on the right.

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| 1 I <input type="text"/> (give) a book for my birthday that I'd already read.                               | <u>was given</u>            |
| 2 If you take a credit card with you on vacation, I'm sure it <input type="text"/> (accept) in most places. | <u>                    </u> |
| 3 This dress is silk. It has to <input type="text"/> (wash) in cold water or it will shrink.                | <u>                    </u> |
| 4 The actress realized that she <input type="text"/> (follow) by the paparazzi, so she drove home again.    | <u>                    </u> |
| 5 A <input type="text"/> the thief <input type="text"/> (catch) yet?  | <u>                    </u> |
| B I don't think so. The police are still looking for him.   |                             |
| 6 <input type="text"/> you ever <input type="text"/> (tell) a secret that you couldn't keep?                | <u>                    </u> |
| 7 This bank <input type="text"/> (rob) twice since it opened last year.                                     | <u>                    </u> |
| 8 When Jack arrived at the meeting, the decision <input type="text"/> (already make).                       | <u>                    </u> |
| 9 Our apartment <input type="text"/> (paint) right now. Everything's a real mess!                           | <u>                    </u> |
| 10 Although Pete thought the interview had gone really well, he <input type="text"/> (not offer) the job.   | <u>                    </u> |
| 11 When does this book have to <input type="text"/> (return) to the library?                                | <u>                    </u> |
| 12 When we got to the parking garage we saw to our horror that our car <input type="text"/> (steal).        | <u>                    </u> |

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- c Cover the column on the right in b and look at the sentences. Read the sentences aloud with the passive in the correct form.