

You are standing in the place where.....

A Highclere Castle near Newbury in Berkshire, UK

The castle has been 1 _____ by the Carnarvon family since 1679, and the Earl and Countess Carnarvon currently live there. In 2010, film director Julian Fellowes, a close friend of the family, was planning a new TV series about an aristocratic family and their servants during the early 20th century. While he was staying at Highclere Castle, he realized that it would be the perfect place to set his historical drama, and the castle was 2 _____ into Downton Abbey, the home of the fictional Crawley family. The series was a huge success and it has been sold all over the world. Both the interior and exterior scenes were shot in and round the castle itself. In the second TV series the castle is used as a hospital during the First World War. These scenes are 3 _____ on a real-life event. In 1914, Lady Almina Carnarvon allowed soldiers who had been wounded to be looked after in the castle.

Go there

Highclere Castle and gardens are open to the public during the Easter and summer holidays, and on many Sundays and public holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visit the Egyptian Gallery which contains many objects brought back from his travels by Lady Almina's husband, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon, who famously discovered the tomb of the young Pharaoh Tutankhamun.

B Cortlandt Alley New York, USA

In Hollywood's version of New York City, the giant metropolis is full of secret alleys where crimes take place, and criminals are chased by the police. In fact there are hardly any alleys in New York today at all. One of the few remaining ones, Cortlandt Alley, has been 4 _____ for almost all the alley scenes in films and TV series that are set in New York. Films with scenes that were shot there include Crocodile Dundee and Men in Black 3, and TV series like Blue Bloods, Boardwalk Empire, NYPD Blue, and Law & Order.

Go there

Thousands of tourists want to be 5 _____ in Cortlandt Alley. It is on the edge of Chinatown, in Manhattan, between Franklin Street and Canal Street. In fact it is a perfectly safe place to visit. In real life, it is not 6 _____ by gangsters, but is the home for perfectly respectable businesses such as the New York Table Tennis Federation Training Center.

C Christ Church College Oxford, UK

This wonderful 16th-century college, with a spectacular tower, which was 7 _____ by the famous architect Sir Christopher Wren, has an important connection with children's literature. It was at Christ Church that Charles Dodgson, professor of mathematics, first met the children of the Dean (the head of the College). He used to tell them stories, and was 8 _____ by one of the girls, Alice, to write Alice in Wonderland, in 1851, under the penname of Lewis Carroll. Many years later, Christ Church was used as the setting for several film adaptations of some other famous children's books, the Harry Potter novels. The first time Harry and his friends enter Hogwarts, they walk up the Christ Church staircase where Professor McGonagall is waiting for them at the top. The dining room in Hogwarts is the Christ Church Dining Hall. It could not be used for filming, because it was being used by students at the time, so it was recreated in a studio.

Go there

Visitors are 9 _____ throughout the year. However, as the college is a working academic institution, some areas may occasionally be closed to the public. Opening times: Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. , Sunday: 2 p.m.

Read the article and complete it with a past participle from the list.

based – designed – inhabited – inspired – owned – photographed – transformed – used – welcomed

Read the article again. Answer the questions with A (Highclere Castle), B (Cortlandt Alley), or C (Christ Church College).

Which place....?

1. is not really as it seems in films
2. has a permanent exhibition there
3. was used for the same thing both in real life and on TV
4. is where a famous author met a person who inspired him
5. is one of the few places of its kind that still exists
6. is only open during holiday periods
7. was built in the 1500s.
8. Is sometimes not open because people are working there

The passive: be + past participle

*A lot of films are shot on location.
 Our car is being repaired today.
 Andy's bike has been stolen.
 The director died when the film was being made.
 You'll be picked up at the airport by one of our staff.
 This bill has to be paid tomorrow.
 *Batman Begins was directed by Christopher Nolan.

**We often use the passive when it's not said, known, or important who does an action.*
Andy's bike has been stolen. (= Somebody has stolen Andy's bike. We don't know who.)
**If you want to say who did the action, use by.*
-We can often say things in two ways, in the active or in the passive. Compare:
Batman Begins was directed by Christopher Nolan. (=the focus is more on the film)
Christopher Nolan directed Batman Begins in 2005. (= the focus is more on Nolan)
-We form negatives and questions in the same way as in active sentences.
Some films aren't shot on location.
Is your car being repaired today?
-We often use the passive to talk about processes, for example scientific processes, and in formal writing, such as newspaper reports.
Then the water is heated to 100 degrees...
Many buildings in the city have been damaged by the earthquake.

Circle the correct form, active or passive.

1. The costumes for the show are making/ are being made by hand.
2. The landscape inspired/ was inspired him to write a poem.
3. This castle hasn't inhabited/ hasn't been inhabited for nearly a century.
4. The director's last film set/ is set in the present.
5. The film will shoot/ will be shot in the autumn.
6. The actors aren't recording/ aren't being recorded the dialogue until next week.
7. The house wasn't using/ wasn't being used by the owners during the winter.
8. The make-up artist has transformed / has been transformed the actor into a monster.
9. They hadn't owned/ hadn't been owned the company for very long before they went bankrupt.
10. The photo took/ was taken by my husband on the balcony of our hotel.

Rewrite the sentences with the passive. Only use by if necessary.

1. They subtitle a lot of foreign films.
 A lot of foreign films _____
2. Garcia Marquez wrote Love in the Time of Cholera.
 Love in the Time of Cholera _____
3. Someone is repairing my laptop.
 My laptop _____
4. They haven't released the DVD of the film yet.
 The DVD of the film _____
5. They won't finish the film until the spring.
 The film _____
6. You have to collect the tickets from the box office.
 The tickets _____
7. They hadn't told the actor about the changes in the script.
 The actor _____
8. James Cameron directed Avatar.
 Avatar _____
9. They've already recorded the soundtrack.
 The soundtrack _____
10. They were interviewing the director about the film.
 The director _____

Cinema

PEOPLE AND THINGS	VERBA AND PHRASES
<p>Match the nouns and definitions. audience – cast – extra – plot – review – scene – script – sequel – soundtrack – special effects – star – subtitles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ all the people who act in a film 2. _____ (also verb) the most important actor or actress in a film 3. _____ the music of a film 4. _____ the story of a film 5. _____ a part of a film happening in one place 6. _____ the people who watch a film in a cinema 7. _____ a film which continues the story of an earlier film 8. _____ images often created by a computer 9. _____ the words of the film 10. _____ a person in a film who has a small unimportant part, e.g. in a crowd scene 11. _____ the translation of the dialogue into another language 12. _____ an article which gives an opinion on a new film, book, etc. 	<p>Match sentences 1-6 with sentences A-F.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ___ It was directed by Tate Taylor. 2. ___ It was dubbed into other languages. 3. ___ Viola Davis played the part of Aibileen Clark. 4. ___ The film is set in Mississippi in the USA during the 1960s. 5. It is based on the novel of the same name by Kathryn Stockett. 6. ___ It was shot (filmed) on location in Greenwood, Mississippi. <p>A It was situated in that place at that time. B He was the director. C This was her role in the film. D The voices of foreign actors were used. E It was an adaptation of the book. F It was filmed in the real place, not in a studio.</p>

Personality

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?	
<p>Complete the definitions with the adjectives. affectionate – aggressive – ambitious – anxious – bossy – charming – competitive – independent – jealous – moody – rebellious – reliable – selfish – sensible – sensitive – sociable – spoilt – stubborn</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ people think about themselves and not about other people. 2. A _____ person always wants to win. 3. _____ children behave badly because they are given everything they want. 4. An _____ person gets angry quickly and likes fighting and arguing. 5. _____ people have an attractive personality and make people like them. 6. A _____ person has common sense and is practical. 7. A _____ person is friendly and enjoys being with other people. 8. _____ people are often worried or stressed. 9. A _____ person is happy one minute and sad the next, and is often bad-tempered. 10. _____ people like doing things on their own, without help. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. A _____ person likes giving orders to other people. 12. An _____ person shows that they love or like people very much. 13. A _____ person thinks that someone loves another person more than them, or wants what other people have. 14. A _____ person can be easily hurt or offended. 15. An _____ person wants to be successful in life. 16. A _____ person is someone who you can trust or depend on. 17. A _____ person doesn't like obeying rules. 18. A _____ person never changes his (or her) opinion or attitude about something. <p>OPPOSITES</p> <p>Match the adjectives and their opposites. hard-working – mean – outgoing – self-confident – stupid – talkative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. clever _____ 2. generous _____ 3. insecure _____ 4. lazy _____ 5. quiet _____ 6. shy _____