

Active and passive sentences

Change the sentences below from active to passive.

1. Steven Spielberg directs the film.

2. Millions of people saw the exhibition.

3. The Prince and his fiancé will marry in October.

4. Hundreds of people were watching the marathon.

5. Police have caught the thief.

6. Gordon Ramsey is preparing a meal for the party.

7. Lots of people have made the journey to Mecca.

8. MPs can make the decision tonight.

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