

The passive with reporting verbs: Exercise 1

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences below.

He is considered a good president. Everybody likes him.

The company is said more than 100 million dollars only last month.

It is rumoured her.

The paintings are reported destroyed in the fire.

The fossil is believed back to the Miocene era.

It is thought very tough.

The witness is expected later this afternoon.

The suspect is known the city after the murder.

The new iPhone is thought next September.

It is said the party together.

EXERCISE 2

Which of the verbs in brackets can complete the sentence? Underline one or both.

- 1 It was to hold new negotiations next month. (agreed / announced)
- 2 It has been that the crash was the result of pilot error. (proposed / shown)
- 3 It was that Mrs Ho would chair the meeting. (hoped / explained)
- 4 It has been to appoint Dr Ahmadi as head teacher. (decided / suggested)
- 5 It has not yet been who was responsible for the error. (claimed / explained)

6 It has now been that half of cancer cases are lifestyle-related. (established / revealed)

7 It is to create 500 more jobs in the factory. (expected / intended)

8 It is to close the library permanently from next April. (planned / recommended)

9 It is that another moon landing will take place next year. (assumed / thought)

10 It has been how spiders are able to travel across the sea. (discovered / said)

Exercise 3 - Trasforma da attivo a passivo (It is said that...)

Esempio: People say he is rich. -> It is said that he is rich.

1. People think that the company is losing money.
2. They believe that the thieves escaped through the window.
3. Everyone knows that eating fruit is healthy.
4. They reported that the building was destroyed.
5. Police allege that he was driving too fast.
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Exercise 4: Trasforma usando la struttura personale (Subject + Passive + to...)

Esempio: People say he is a spy. -> He is said to be a spy.

1. They say she works for the government.
2. People consider him a good leader.
3. They believe the company has lost 1 million dollars.
4. Everyone expects that prices will rise.

Exercise 5 - Choose the correct option for each gap below.

The prime minister _____ his resignation tomorrow.

- A. is expected to have announced
- B. is expected that he will
- C. is expected to will announce
- D. is expected to announce

A suspect _____ after the murder.

- A. is reported to have been arrested
- B. is reported that was arrested
- C. is reported that he was arrested
- D. is reported to be arresting

The couple _____ by the end of the year.

- A. are rumored they will get married
- B. are rumored to get married
- C. are rumored that will get married
- D. are rumored to have got married

He _____ the best neurosurgeon of all time.

- A. is considered be
- B. is considered that he was
- C. is considered to have been
- D. is considered that it was

The side effects of this drug _____ severe.

- A. think to be
- B. are thought that they are
- C. are thought they have been
- D. are thought to be

It _____ for quite some time.

- A. is said to happen
- B. is said that this has been happening
- C. is said this to be happening
- D. is said this to have happened

These measures _____ necessary for the safety and security of the nation.

- A. are claimed that they are
- B. are claimed are
- C. are claimed to being
- D. are claimed to be

He _____ innocent until we can find evidence proving that he is guilty.

- A. is presumed to be
- B. is presumed that he is
- C. is presumed is
- D. is presumed be

Hundreds of people _____ killed in the earthquake.

- A. are reported that they were
- B. are reported to have been
- C. are reported that they are

D. are reported to be

The illness _____ a hereditary condition.

A. is thought to be

B. is thought be

C. is thought that it is

D. is thought is