

It Is Said That...: The Reporting Passive

Use the **reporting passive** to share what people say or believe without saying who: ***It is said that** the castle is haunted.* Or with the thing as the subject: *The castle **is said to be** haunted.* Common verbs: **say, believe, think, report, expect, know, consider.** It's typical of news and formal writing.

The castle **is said to be** haunted.

• IN FOCUS • THING

the castle

ACTION

is said to be haunted

who says so? people in general

DOER?

(people)

1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- It _____ that the minister will resign.
a) is reported b) reports
- The painting is believed _____ a fake.
a) to be b) that is
- He is thought _____ the country last week.
a) to leave b) to have left
- _____ is said that the hotel is haunted.
a) There b) It
- Prices are expected _____ next year.
a) rising b) to rise

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. It is said the castle to be haunted.

2. He is believed that he left.

3. She is thought to leave yesterday.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

it is said that

it is believed that

is thought to

is expected to

is known to

is reported to have

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/passive-voice/reporting-passive

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) is reported** It + passive + that.
2. **a) to be** Subject + passive + to + verb.
3. **b) to have left** About the past: to have + participle.
4. **b) It** It is said that...
5. **b) to rise** Subject + passive + to + verb.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **The castle is said to be haunted.** Either It is said that + clause, or Subject + is said to + verb.
2. **He is believed to have left.** With the person as subject, use to + verb, not that.
3. **She is thought to have left yesterday.** For the past, use to have + past participle.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.