

IMPERSONAL PASSIVES

Vamos a ver dos formas de utilizar esta estructura.

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- Empezamos nuestra Impersonal Passive con IT.
- Transformamos el reporting verb a pasiva.
- Añadimos THAT (aunque puede omitirse) y copiamos el resto de la frase sin cambiarla.

Example:

People believe that this lawyer is very professional.

It is believed that this lawyer is very professional. ←

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- Empezamos nuestra Impersonal Passive por el segundo sujeto, que es el que más importancia tiene.
- Transformamos el reporting verb a pasiva de nuevo.
- Añadimos TO.
- Analizamos el tiempo verbal de la acción principal y miramos nuestra magic box.

Present → TO + INFINITIVE

Past Simple → TO + have+V3

Present Cont → TO + BE+ing

Past Cont → TO + HAVE BEEN + ing



People believe that this lawyer is very professional.

This lawyer is believed to be very professional. ←

More examples

Everyone has said that the new mayor is taking care of the town.

It has been said that the new mayor is taking care of the town.

The new mayor has been said to be taking care of the town.

People reported that the shopping centre attracted tourists.

It was reported that the shopping centre attracted tourists.

The shopping centre was said to have attracted tourists.

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They claim that the politician forgot his paperwork at home.

It

The politician

People have reported that the manager is laundering money.

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Everyone believed the teenager was drinking too much at that party.

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Police should report that the information is false.

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Scientists are thinking the new vaccine was ineffective in some cases.

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They consider that the company is making progress slowly.

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Answer key

1- It is claimed that the politician forgot his paperwork at home.

The politician is claimed to have forgotten his paperwork at home.

2- It has been reported that the manager is laundering money.

The manager has been reported to be laundering money.

3- It was believed that the teenager was drinking too much at the party.

The teenager was believed to have been drinking too much at the party.

4- It should be reported that the information is false.

The information should be reported to be false.

5- It is being thought that the new vaccine was ineffective in some cases.

The vaccine is being thought to have been ineffective in some cases.

6- It is considered that the company is making progress slowly.

The company is considered to be making progress slowly.