

Choose the correct option (write the correct letter in the space)

1 It is _____ that Mr Rohmer would be willing to pay up to a million dollars for the business.

A understand

B understanding

C understood

2 _____ believed to be the first time that a polar bear killed a zookeeper.

A It is

B We

C We are

3 Which of these is NOT a reporting verb?

A Think

B Estimate

C Hope

D Report

E Translate

F Assume

4 The convict _____ to be dangerous.

A is known

B knows

C knew

5 Dan is known _____ very active.

A that he is

B to be

C being

6 Falling cats are commonly believed _____ on their feet.

A to landing

B to land

C is been landed

Complete the text about myths with the correct passive distance so active possice is posible

Even in the age of the Internet, popular myths are widespread. It _____, (believe) for example, that the explorer Christopher Columbus had trouble persuading his sailors that they would not sail off the edge of a flat earth. Most people don't realize that in fact few people _____ (think) the earth was flat during this time. We also _____ (assume) that Marco Polo brought back pasta from China although it _____ (can / easily / show) that the Italians learned about pasta from the Arabs 600 years earlier.

DISTANCING THE PASSIVE WITH REPORTING VERBS
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REPORTING VERBS
VERBS OF SAYING OR BELIEVING

agree, announce, believe, claim, consider, expect, hope, know, report, say, suggest, think, understand, etc.

Example 1:
Direct: They are in Las Vegas.
Indirect: I am saying this. I'm responsible for this information.

Example 2:
Direct: It is said that they are in Las Vegas.
Indirect: I'm distancing myself from this information. Someone else said this first, not me.

Form 1:
IT + PASSIVE REPORTING VERB + (THAT) CLAUSE
IT **IS BELIEVED** THAT **THEY ARE** IN LAS VEGAS

Form 2:
SUBJECT + PASSIVE REPORTING VERB + TO + INFINITIVE
THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN LAS VEGAS

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