

Unit 3: Exercise 8

Read the information. Then rewrite the sentences in the passive, using *It is/was + past participle + that*. The first question has been done for you.

Use the structure *It is/was + past participle + that* ... (e.g. *It is believed that* ...) to create passive sentences.

Remember to change the order of the structure in questions (e.g. *When was it made?* NOT *When it was made?*).

Don't include the agent (the person or thing that did the action).

- 1 The police think that the man was responsible for several similar robberies last year.

It was thought that the man was responsible for several similar robberies last year.

- 2 We hoped that some witnesses might come forward, but so far, nobody has approached us.

_____ come forward, but so far, nobody has approached us.

- 3 We understand that someone will release a statement soon.

_____ a statement soon.

- 4 People don't often say that politicians have a sense of humour, but this story shows that some politicians can be funny.

_____ a sense of humour, but this story shows that some politicians can be funny.

- 5 Why did the reporter announce that the factory is staying open, when in fact it's going to close?

Why _____ open, when in fact, it's going to close?