

## PASSIVE VOICE WITH REPORTING VERBS: PAY ATTENTION TO THESE EXAMPLES:

Example 1: Scientists believe **that chewing gum improves the memory.**

**It is believed** that chewing gum improves the memory.

**Chewing gum is believed** to improve the memory.

Example 2: They think **that the burglar got in through the kitchen window.**

**It is thought** that the burglar got in through the kitchen window.

**The burglar is thought** to have got in through the kitchen window.

Example 3: People say **that he is living abroad.**

**It is said** that he is living abroad.

**He is said** to be living abroad.

Example 4: The police assume **that the thief was wearing gloves.**

**It is assumed** that the thief was wearing gloves.

**The thief is assumed** to have been wearing gloves.

If you need more information about how to use these structures, you can **watch this VIDEO** in Spanish.

Now, you are ready to do some activities:

Passive with reporting verbs. Put the following sentences into the passive.

1- People claim the Mona Lisa is the world's most famous painting.

The Mona Lisa .....

2- Experts believe it was a portrait of a nobleman.

It is .....

3- They say her smile hides a secret.

Her smile .....

4- Many believe it is Leonardo's masterpiece.

It is .....

5- Scientists know he was a wonderful engineer too.

He is .....

6- Historians think he was unhappy in old age.

He is .....

7- People think the fire started at about 8 o'clock.

The fire .....

8- They say experts are studying objects from a Spanish ship.

Experts .....

9- They believe the ship was carrying gold bars.

The ship .....