

# PASSIVE REPORTING STRUCTURES



**A Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verb in parentheses. Use the simple present tense.**

- 1 It \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate) that people spend around 75% of their day communicating.
- 2 Informal slang \_\_\_\_\_ (assume) to be challenging for many non-native speakers.
- 3 Most people \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) to say between 125 and 175 words a minute.
- 4 It \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that information questions prompt people to say more than yes/no questions.
- 5 Turn-taking \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) to be important as it prevents one person from dominating the conversation.
- 6 It \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) that humor varies from culture to culture.

**B Rewrite the sentences. For sentences 1-3, use *It* + passive reporting verb + (*that*) + clause. For sentences 4-6, use subject + passive reporting verb + infinitive.**

- 1 Listening well is believed to be just as important as speaking well.  
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- 2 Telling a good story is shown to be an effective communication strategy.  
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- 3 Self-confidence is assumed to be an important component of effective communication.  
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- 4 It's said that the mirroring game develops understanding between people.  
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- 5 It's estimated that people form an impression of you within seven seconds.  
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- 6 It's known that communication skills are one of the key factors for success.  
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