

# PASSIVES: PART II

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## I. Write T (true) or F (false).

1. \_\_\_ In a stative passive sentence, the past participle functions more like an adjective than a verb.
2. \_\_\_ Most stative passive sentences, such as ***St. Louis is located on the Missouri River***, can be easily changed into a natural-sounding active sentence.
3. \_\_\_ To form an opinion passive with a that clause, you use the structure: ***it + be + past participle + that***.
4. \_\_\_ When using the verb regard in a passive sense, it is most commonly followed by a to phrase (e.g., ***He is regarded to be...***).
5. \_\_\_ Stative passives are used to describe actions that are currently taking place.
6. \_\_\_ In the sentence ***The Japanese are thought to have visited the New World***, the to phrase is in the past tense.
7. \_\_\_ The verb consider can be followed by an infinitive, a noun phrase, or an adjective.
8. \_\_\_ Using the ***It + be + past participle + that*** structure creates an objective tone by distancing the author from the idea.
9. \_\_\_ It is grammatically correct to say, ***It is regarded that Shakespeare didn't write all of his plays***.
10. \_\_\_ Opinion/Belief passives are frequently used in academic discourse and news reporting.

## II Choose the best answer.

### 1. Which sentence follows the correct usage rule for the verb regard?

- A) Columbus is regarded as the discoverer of America.
- B) It is regarded that Columbus discovered America.

### 2. Which version of this sentence creates the most objective distance between the author and the idea for a formal academic paper?

- A) Scholars believe that the Vikings explored the New World long ago.
- B) It is thought that the Vikings explored the New World long ago.

