USE OF ENGLISH: Reporting verbs and the passive

Exercise 1. Choose the correct option

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1. The new social media platform is believed _____ millions of users worldwide.

- A to attract
- B attracting
- C that attracts
- D to attracting

2. It _____ that young people are particularly vulnerable to online manipulation.

- A is thought
- B thinks
- C is thinking
- D has thought

3. The journalist is reported _____ confidential information before publishing the article.

- A to leak
- B to have leaked
- C leaking
- D having leaked

4. The politician is alleged _____ money from several media companies.

- A to receive
- B receiving
- C to have received
- D that received

5. The documentary is expected _____ a significant impact on public opinion.

- A having
- B to have
- C have
- D to having

6. It has been claimed _____ the statistics were deliberately manipulated.

- A that
- B to
- C which
- D for

7. The company is said _____ a new advertising campaign.

- A developing
- B to develop
- C to be developing
- D that it develops

8. The information is believed _____ by an anonymous source.

- A to have been leaked
- B to leak
- C being leaked
- D to have leaked

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Exercise 2. Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Do not change the word. Use between 3 and 8 words.

1. People believe that the influencer earns a considerable amount of money from advertising.

BELIEVED

The influencer _____ a considerable amount of money from advertising.

2. They say that the company has been collecting users' personal data.

SAID

The company _____ users' personal data.

3. People think that the decision was made under pressure.

THOUGHT

The decision _____ under pressure.

4. According to reports, the celebrity is considering leaving social media.

REPORTED

The celebrity _____ leaving social media.

5. People believe that the journalist revealed the truth several years ago.

BELIEVED

The journalist _____ the truth several years ago.

6. Experts expect that the new regulations will be introduced next year.

EXPECTED

The new regulations _____ next year.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences

Use the verbs in brackets in the correct passive reporting structure.

1. The documentary _____ (believe / influence) public attitudes towards environmental issues.

2. The actor _____ (report / refuse) to comment on the scandal.

3. It _____ (widely / assume) that teenagers spend too much time online.

4. The company _____ (allege / use) misleading advertising techniques.

5. The results _____ (expect / announce) later this week.

6. The journalist _____ (think / interview) several witnesses before publishing the story.

7. The website _____ (claim / attract) over a million visitors every month.

8. It _____ (recently / reveal) that the information had been inaccurate.

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Exercise 4. Find and correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains ONE mistake.

1. The celebrity is believed that he has left the country. _____

2. The new policy is expected introducing next month. _____

3. The company is said to have been involved in the scandal since 2022. _____

4. It is believed the information to be inaccurate. _____

5. The journalist is reported to interview several politicians yesterday. _____

6. The advertisement is thought to have created by an international agency. _____

7. The manager is alleged of having manipulated the results. _____

8. It has been reported that the website was being hacked last night. _____

Exercise 5. Advanced transformations

Rewrite the sentences using the word given.

1. People generally consider this newspaper to be one of the most reliable sources of information.

REGARDED

This newspaper _____ one of the most reliable sources of information.

2. According to reports, the government has been monitoring online discussions.

REPORTED

The government _____ online discussions.

3. Nobody knows exactly when the rumour first appeared.

KNOWN

The exact origin of the rumour _____

4. People believe that the company deliberately concealed important information.

BELIEVED

The company _____ important information deliberately.

5. Apparently, the celebrity was offered a large sum of money to promote the product.

SAID

The celebrity _____ a large sum of money to promote the product.

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