

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 The new CEO *is expected* / *will be* to make big changes.
- 2 Flying *was been shown* / *shown* to be safer than driving many years ago.
- 3 He *thinks* / *is thought* to have arrived already.
- 4 *There are* / *We are* believed to be ten people in the group.
- 5 The two men were alleged to *have* / *be* stolen more than a million dollars.
- 6 The city council is known to *planned* / *to be planning* major alterations to the town centre.

A few more examples

- *It is thought that he stole over a million pounds.*
- *He is thought to have stolen over a million pounds.*
- *It was reported that he was killed in a fire.*
- *He was reported to have been killed in a fire.*
- *It is expected that the strike will begin tomorrow or*
- *The strike is expected to begin tomorrow.*

2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Climbing hasn't always been understood to be
- 2 The surfing instructor is expected to arrive
- 3 There were reported to have been
- 4 BASE jumping is often assumed
- 5 The shuttlecock in badminton is known
- 6 BMX racers are often thought to have

- a four bull riders injured in the event.
- b to travel faster than the ball in any sport.
- c a healthy pastime.
- d after four o'clock this afternoon.
- e a kind of addiction to fear.
- f to be more dangerous than it really is.

3 Put the words in order to make sentences with passive reporting verbs.

- 1 known / it / is / that / climb / for / the feeling / of / danger / some people



- 2 has / reported / it / bad weather / that / cancelled / caused / the climb / been / to be

- 3 revealed / several days / was / the / two climbers / had / that / been / it / missing / for

- 4 believed / at first / it / that / climbing / would / become / wasn't / so popular

5 places / generally / in the past / it / were / mountains /
felt / had / been / that / dangerous

6 feelings / commonly / that / it's / and / similar /
excitement / are / known / fear

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 It _____ that there are 3000 protesters in the street at this time. (estimate)
- 2 It is known that the company _____ creating 200 new jobs. (consider)
- 3 It _____ in 1954 that the club would open to women as well as men. (decide)
- 4 It wasn't widely known in the 1980s that the Internet _____ developed. (already / be)
- 5 It _____ that the new shopping centre will attract business from all over the region. (expect)
- 6 It isn't thought that many people _____ the band's first few performances. (attend)



This steak tastes rather **average**.



5 Choose the best options to complete the sentences.

- 1 My new chair is *quite* / *a bit* comfortable.
- 2 We were pleased because they performed the work *reasonably* / *a little* skilfully.
- 3 Jamie has practised a lot and is now *slightly* / *rather* good at playing the piano.
- 4 Let's go by train. It's only *a bit* / *fairly* more expensive.
- 5 She lives in *quite* / *pretty* a big house.
- 6 It's *slightly* / *fairly* common these days to meet people who speak English.

6 Rewrite the sentences with a similar meaning using the qualifiers in bold.

- 1 It was a fairly hot day. **quite**

- 2 Rather a long time had passed since his previous job.
fairly

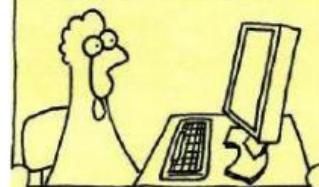
3 The announcement slightly surprised me. **a little**

4 The holiday cost rather a lot of money. **pretty**

5 We had a little problem with the car. **a bit**

6 It isn't very comfortable. **rather**

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I'M SAYING THIS IN THE PASSIVE
VOICE TO AVOID TAKING ANY
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7 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 Japanese is estimated to speak by more than 120 million native speakers.

2 Vikings knew to have visited North America hundreds of years before Columbus.

3 The new building is expected to be cost \$20 million.

4 Two students are believed to have climbing on to the roof of the building last night.

5 The treasure is assumed by experts in the 1950s to have been lost at sea.

6 20,000 are expected attend tomorrow night's concert.

7 Getting my computer repaired turned out to be a bit nightmare.

8 It was a quite useful meeting in Macau.

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