

Choose the correct option (write the correct letter in the space )

1 It is \_\_\_\_\_ that Mr Rohmer would be willing to pay up to a million dollars for the business.

A understand

B understanding

C understood

2 \_\_\_\_\_ believed to be the first time that a polar bear killed a zookeeper.

A It is

B We

C We are

3 Which of these is NOT a reporting verb?

A Think

B Estimate

C Hope

D Report

E Translate

F Assume

4 The convict \_\_\_\_\_ to be dangerous.

A is known

B knows

C knew

5 Dan is known \_\_\_\_\_ very active.

A that he is

B to be

C being

6 Falling cats are commonly believed \_\_\_\_\_ on their feet.

- A to landing
- B to land
- C is been landed

Complete the text about myths with the correct passive tense so active possessive is possible

Even in the age of the Internet, popular myths are widespread. It \_\_\_\_\_, (believe) for example, that the explorer Christopher Columbus had trouble persuading his sailors that they would not sail off the edge of a flat earth. Most people don't realize that in fact few people \_\_\_\_\_ (think) the earth was flat during this time. We also \_\_\_\_\_ (assume) that Marco Polo brought back pasta from China although it \_\_\_\_\_ (can / easily / show) that the Italians learned about pasta from the Arabs 600 years earlier.

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**REPORTING VERBS**  
VERBS OF SAYING OR BELIEVING

agree, announce, believe, claim, consider, expect, hope, know, report, say, suggest, think, understand, etc.

**They are in Las Vegas.**

**It is said that they are in Las Vegas.**

**PASSIVE**

I am saying this. I'm responsible for this information.

I'm distancing myself from this information. Someone else said this first, not me.

**IT + PASSIVE REPORTING VERB + (THAT) CLAUSE**

**SUBJECT + PASSIVE REPORTING VERB + TO + INFINITIVE**

**THEY ARE IN LAS VEGAS**

**IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY ARE IN LAS VEGAS**  
PASSIVE REPORTING VERB

**THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN LAS VEGAS**  
PASSIVE REPORTING VERB INFINITIVE

**LIVE WORKSHEETS**