

## REWRITE SENTENCES BY USING FORMAL SUBJECT "IT"

English sentences must have a subject (except for imperative sentences). So, if we don't have any other subject, we can use 'there' or 'it'.

This is sometimes called a "formal subject"/ 'dummy subject' or an 'empty subject'.

### A. TYPE 1: Formal Subject IT used with adj

V-ing/ To-V + be + adj → It +be+adj+to-V.

(**adj:** hard, difficult, foolish, silly, easy, necessary, (im)possible, good, nice, essential, important, advisable, right, wrong...)

Ex: Stealing is wrong./ To steal is wrong.

→ It is wrong to steal.

1. Knowing all the facts is essential.

→ It

2. Revising the plan is advisable.

→ It

3. Talking to you is so nice.

→ It



### B. TYPE 2: Formal Subject IT used with Noun

V-ing/ To-V + be + a/an/the/\_/my + N .

→ It +be+ a/an/the/\_/my + N +to-V.

(**nouns:** pleasure/shame/duty/wish/fun/honor...)

Ex: Meeting you is an/my honor.

→ It is an/my honor to meet you.

1. Obeying the law is a duty.

→ It

2. Serving you is my privilege.

→ It

3. Deceiving your friend is a shame.

→ It



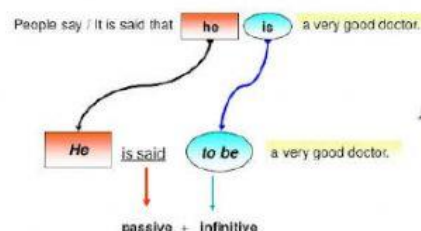
### C. TYPE 3: **Passive voice** with "It is said that = People say that"

(**Verbs:** say/ know/believe/think/ rumour/report...)

Ex: People say that this piece has been written by that musician.

= This piece is said to have been written by that musician.

→ It is said that this piece has been written by that musician.



1. People know that Susan is very fit. / Susan is known to be very fit.  
→ It
2. Doctors expect he will recover soon./ He is expected to recover soon.  
→ It
3. They reported that the couple had left the palace./ The couple was reported to have left the palace.  
→ It

D. TYPE 4 : "It takes sb + time+ to-V." = I spend time+ (on) + V-ing.

Ex: I spent 2 hours on cooking dinner.

- It took me 2 hours to cook dinner.

1. My sister spends 10 day learning how to cook.

It

2. He spent 30 minutes typing the letter.

It

- 3.Students will finish the test in 45 minutes.

It

How long does it take  
you to have a shower?

It takes me ....

E. TYPE 5 :making comments "It's very kind of you to help me." = You are very kind to help me.

It's adj + **of sb/ for sb** + to-V.

1. You are decent to help me.

It's

2. You shouldn't gossip about others.

It's impolite of

3. They shouldn't wear hats in pagoda.

It's impolite of

- 4.Staff don't need to wear vests in their company.

It's not mandatory for

