

Type new sentences. For sentences 1-3, use *It* + passive reporting verb + (*that*) + clause. For sentences 4-6, use subject + passive reporting verb + infinitive.

Function

We can use passive reporting structures to report information in a formal way. Reporting verbs that can be used in this way include *allege, assume, believe, claim, consider, estimate, expect, find, know, presume, report, say, see, show, think, and understand*.

Form

Use	Examples
<i>It</i> + <i>be</i> + past participle of reporting verb + (<i>that</i>) + clause	It's thought that self-awareness begins to develop in humans around eighteen months old. It's understood that body language is an important part of intercultural communication.
subject + <i>be</i> + past participle of reporting verb + infinitive	Self-awareness is thought to begin to develop in humans around eighteen months old. Body language is understood to be an important part of intercultural communication.

Listening well is believed to be just as important as speaking well.

Telling a good story is shown to be an effective communication strategy.

Self-confidence is assumed to be an important component of effective communication.

It's said that the mirroring game develops understanding between people.

It's estimated that people form an impression of you within seven seconds.

It's known that communication skills are one of the key factors for success.