

Grammar Lab Impersonal Passive

Read the theory and solve.

1 Choose the correct meaning, A or B.

- 0 Phillippe Starck is considered to be the world's greatest designer of household objects.
A Phillippe Starck thinks this. **(B)** Many people think this.
- 1 Tom Cruise is said to be the richest film star in the world.
A People think this, but it may not be true. B This is a fact.
- 2 We're supposed to take a present with us.
A Our hosts expect us to take a present. B We forgot to take a present.
- 3 It is believed that the government will cancel the high speed railway line.
A The government believes this will happen. B Some people believe this will happen.
- 4 How annoying. We were meant to have seats in the front row!
A They've given us seats in the front row. B They haven't given us seats in the front row.
- 5 It has been suggested that Martin stole £100,000 from his employer's bank account.
A Some people say Martin did this. B Martin says he did this.

2 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word in brackets. Use four or five words in your answer. 4.41 Listen and check.

- 0 I expected Harriet to send me a parcel, but she didn't. (supposed)
Harriet *was supposed to send* me a parcel.
- 1 Many fashion writers think that New York is the top fashion city in the world these days. (said)
New York the top fashion city in the world these days.
- 2 My landlord doesn't like me smoking in the house. (meant)
I'm in the house.
- 3 The TV news says that the football club has a new owner. (reported)
The football club a new owner.
- 4 They wanted me to go to their party but I was too busy. (supposed)
I their party but I was too busy.
- 5 I've been told that Armani designs all her clothes. (believed)
All her clothes by Armani.

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Rewrite the underlined phrases in the talk, using the words in brackets. 4.42 Listen and check.

'Welcome to Candleburgh Hall, the historic home of the Westmoor family. (0) The house is said to have been designed by Robert Smythson, although we don't have any proof of that. But we certainly know it was built around 1570. (1) We were going to visit the stables today, but I'm afraid they are currently closed for repairs. (2) We think they'll be finished in April, so you'll be able to see them then. Today we're starting in the main drawing room. In fact, (3) many people think it is the most beautiful room in the house. But it holds a dark secret. (4) Some people believe that Sir Henry Westmoor died here. In fact, (5) they say he was killed by his own brother. Now, if you'll all follow me, we'll move to the Queen's Bedroom ... this room got its name because (6) we think that Queen Elizabeth I slept here in the 1580s ...'

- 0 The house *is supposed to have been designed by Robert Smythson* (supposed)
- 1 We (meant)
- 2 The work (expected)
- 3 It (considered)
- 4 Sir Henry Westmoor (believe)
- 5 It (said)
- 6 Queen Elizabeth I (thought)