

Extra Practise: Passive Voice

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Part A: Impersonal Passive / Reporting Verbs — Multiple Choice

Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence

1. It _____ environmental reports to secure funding.
 - A) is alleged the company falsified
 - B) is alleged that the company has falsified
 - C) was alleged the company falsified
 - D) is alleged that the company falsified

2. There _____ fewer than 500 fluent speakers of the dialect remaining.
 - A) is estimated that there be
 - B) are estimated to be
 - C) were estimated to being
 - D) have been estimated to be

3. The board has announced that appropriate measures _____ by the end of the quarter.
 - A) will implement
 - B) will have implemented
 - C) will have been implemented
 - D) are implemented

4. It _____ in January, although no date has been confirmed.
 - A) is assumed that the policy will take effect
 - B) assumes the policy takes effect
 - C) was assumed the policy takes effect
 - D) is being assumed that the policy took effect

5. There _____ an early manuscript version of the play, lost during the war.
 - A) is believed to exist
 - B) is believed that exists
 - C) was believed existing
 - D) believes there exists

Part B: Mixed Practice: Reported Passive Structures Complete the sentences with the correct passive structure. Use either:

- *to + base verb (if the reported action is happening now or generally true)*
- *to have + past participle (if the reported action happened before the reporting)*

1. The CEO _____ a secret deal with the board. (*believe / make*)
2. There _____ thousands of unregistered artifacts in private collections. (*think/ be*)
3. The minister _____ a press conference later today. (*report/ hold*)
4. The paintings _____ during the fire, but some were later recovered. (*say/ destroy*)
5. The suspect _____ the victim before the attack. (*think / threaten*)
6. The new regulations _____ in early spring. (*expect/ come into force*)
7. She _____ several anonymous donations over the years. (*know/ make*)
8. The scientists _____ a breakthrough in early trials. (*believe/ achieve*)

Part C: Sentence Transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word given without changing it. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

1. They persuaded Laura to apply for the leadership course. **TALKED**

Laura the leadership course.

2. Many people say that the director never gave a clear answer. **SAID**

The director a clear answer.

3. Apparently, the government is planning to increase fuel taxes. **BELIEVED**

The government fuel taxes.

4. The teacher let us to leave early. **TO**

We early by the teacher.

5. I think it's necessary for someone to fix this printer. **NEEDS**

This printer by someone.

6. The spokesperson promised that they would release the findings the following week. **(BE)**

The findings the following week.