

PASSIVES: PART II

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I. Write T (true) or F (false).

1. ____ In a stative passive sentence, the past participle functions more like an adjective than a verb.
2. ____ Most stative passive sentences, such as **St. Louis is located on the Missouri River**, can be easily changed into a natural-sounding active sentence.
3. ____ To form an opinion passive with a that clause, you use the structure: **it + be + past participle + that**.
4. ____ When using the verb regard in a passive sense, it is most commonly followed by a to phrase (e.g., **He is regarded to be...**).
5. ____ Stative passives are used to describe actions that are currently taking place.
6. ____ In the sentence **The Japanese are thought to have visited the New World**, the to phrase is in the past tense.
7. ____ The verb consider can be followed by an infinitive, a noun phrase, or an adjective.
8. ____ Using the **It + be + past participle + that** structure creates an objective tone by distancing the author from the idea.
9. ____ It is grammatically correct to say, **It is regarded that Shakespeare didn't write all of his plays**.
10. ____ Opinion/Belief passives are frequently used in academic discourse and news reporting.

II Choose the best answer.

1. Which sentence follows the correct usage rule for the verb regard?

- A) Columbus is regarded as the discoverer of America.
- B) It is regarded that Columbus discovered America.

2. Which version of this sentence creates the most objective distance between the author and the idea for a formal academic paper?

- A) Scholars believe that the Vikings explored the New World long ago.
- B) It is thought that the Vikings explored the New World long ago.

