Passive with Reporting Verbs

Scientists Believe a New Treatment Could Help Millions

A new medical treatment has attracted attention around the world. Researchers recently announced that the treatment showed promising results during clinical trials. Although more studies are needed, many experts believe the treatment could improve the lives of millions of people.

According to several newspapers, the new medicine is expected to become available within the next two years. It is also believed that the treatment will be more affordable than similar medicines currently on the market. However, some scientists argue that further testing is necessary before it can be widely used.

Despite these concerns, the treatment is considered one of the most important medical discoveries of the decade. Patients are encouraged to follow official medical advice and avoid believing information shared on social media without reliable evidence.

Grammar: Passive with Reporting Verbs

What are Reporting Verbs?

Reporting verbs are used to report what people **say, think, believe, know, expect, report, claim, consider, announce, or suggest**.

Examples of reporting verbs:

- believe
- think
- say
- report
- know
- claim
- consider
- expect
- announce
- suggest

Two Passive Structures

Structure 1: It + passive reporting verb + that + clause/ It + is/was + past participle + that...

Examples

✓ It is believed that climate change is accelerating.
✓ It is said that this restaurant serves the best pizza in town.

Structure 2: Subject + passive reporting verb + to + infinitive/ Subject + be + past participle + to + verb

Examples

✓ Climate change **is believed to be** accelerating.
✓ This restaurant **is said to serve** the best pizza.

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Exercise 1 – Choose the Correct Answer

1. People believe that the economy will recover.

a) It is believed that the economy will recover.
b) It believes that the economy will recover.
c) The economy believes to recover.

2. Experts say that this app is safe.

a) This app is said to be safe.
b) This app says to be safe.
c) This app is say safe.

3. Scientists expect that temperatures will rise.

a) Temperatures are expected rise.
b) Temperatures are expected to rise.
c) Temperatures expected to rise.

4. People consider the museum one of the best in Europe.

a) The museum is considered to be one of the best in Europe.
b) The museum considers to be one of the best.
c) The museum is consider one of the best.

Exercise 2 – Rewrite the Sentences

Example: People believe that the Earth is getting warmer. → **It is believed that the Earth is getting warmer.**

1. Experts say that online learning is effective.
2. Scientists expect that sea levels will rise.
3. People know that exercise improves health.
4. Journalists reported that the suspect escaped.

Exercise 3 – Rewrite Using the Subject Structure

Example: It is believed that whales are highly intelligent. → **Whales are believed to be highly intelligent.**

1. It is said that this restaurant serves excellent food.
2. It is expected that inflation will decrease.
3. It is believed that the painting is authentic.
4. It is reported that many people have left the city.

Exercise 4 – Complete the Sentences

Word Bank: believed • expected • considered • reported • known • said

1. The new stadium is _____ to open next year.
2. Tigers are _____ to be endangered animals.
3. It is _____ that the company will hire more employees.
4. The actor is _____ to speak four languages.
5. The incident was _____ by several newspapers.
6. This university is _____ one of the best in the country.

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