

Exercise 8

Read the information. Then rewrite the sentences in the passive, using *It is/was + past participle + that*. The first question has been done for you.

Use the structure *It is/was + past participle + that ...* (e.g. *It is believed that ...*) to create passive sentences.

Remember to change the order of the structure in questions (e.g. *When **was it** made?* NOT *When ~~it was~~ made?*).

Don't include the agent (the person or thing that did the action).

1. The police think that the man was responsible for several similar robberies last year.

It was thought that the man was responsible for several similar robberies last year.

2. We hoped that some witnesses might come forward, but so far, nobody has approached us.
_____ come forward, but so far, nobody has approached us.
3. We understand that someone will release a statement soon.
_____ a statement soon.
4. People don't often say that politicians have a sense of humour, but this story shows that some politicians can be funny.
_____ a sense of humour, but this story shows that some politicians can be funny.
5. Why did the reporter announce that the factory is staying open, when in fact it's going to close?
Why _____ open, when in fact, it's going to close?