

Distancing

A. Rewrite the sentences using *it seems / it appears + that + clause*.

1. The government appears to be planning to raise taxes

2. Men seem to be more at risk from this disease than women.

3. She appears to have changed her mind since I last spoke to her.

4. You seem to be unable to deal with this problem effectively.

5. The weather seems to be about to improve.

6. The robbers appear to have been wearing face masks.

B. Rewrite the sentences using *subject + passive verb + infinitive*.

1. It is thought that the chief executive officer is about to resign from his position.

2. It is expected that a spokesman will make an announcement later today.

3. It is believed that more than half of the population suffers from headaches.

4. It is said that Beijing is one of the most majestic cities in the world.

5. It is thought that at least 70 people have been injured as a result of the explosion.

6. It is expected that the economy will grow over the next six months.

C. Read the news report and in the spaces provided, type all the distancing expressions to be found.

Concern is growing about a 30-year old man who has been missing from his San Diego home for more than a week. **It seems that** Raul Sanchez was last seen when he left his office at around six p.m. last Thursday. According to his wife, he did not return home that evening. Mr Sanchez's credit cards and cell phone do not appear to have been used since

Thursday and his sudden disappearance is apparently completely out of character. Furthermore, there are said to be several inconsistencies in this wife's version of event, and the police are continuing to question her. It has been suggested by neighbours that the couple's relationship may have broken down in recent months.

1. it seems that
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3. _____
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