



Worksheet: Personal and Impersonal Passive

Part 1 – Understanding the Structure

A) Complete the rules:

1. Impersonal passive structure: It + _____ + that clause.
2. Personal passive structure: Subject + _____ + to-infinitive.
3. We commonly use these structures with reporting verbs such as: believe, report, think, assume, expect, allege, suggest, etc.

Part 2 – Rewrite the Sentences (Impersonal Passive)

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3) They predict that the weather will improve.

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5) Journalists report that the town was hit by an earthquake.

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Part 3 – Rewrite the Sentences (Personal Passive)

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Part 4 – Mixed Practice

1) They expect the guests to arrive on time. (expect)

2) The charity is building flats for the homeless. (find)

3) The government has reached a decision. (report)

4) Thomas hit a man in the pub. (allege)

5) Tom is a very considerate man. (believe)

6) The fans want the team to win. (hope)

7) The thieves got in through the window. (report)

8) Brenda speaks three languages. (mention)

9) The presidents will meet soon. (hope)

10) The press thinks that the government is planning a new law. (assume)

Part 5 – Be Supposed To

Rewrite using 'be supposed to':

- 1) It is expected that employees wear formal clothes.
- 2) It was arranged that Janet arrives before nine.
- 3) It is not allowed to lift heavy objects.

Answer Key

Impersonal examples: It is said that he is a good leader. / It is believed that sea levels are rising. / It is predicted that the weather will improve. / It is known that Columbus discovered America. / It is reported that the town was hit by an earthquake. / It is thought that John knows Maths well.

Personal examples: He is said to be a good leader. / Sea levels are believed to be rising. / The weather is predicted to improve. / Columbus is known to have discovered America. / The town is reported to have been hit by an earthquake. / John is thought to know Maths well.

Be supposed to: Employees are supposed to wear formal clothes. / Janet is supposed to arrive before nine. / You are not supposed to lift heavy objects.