

REPORTING PASSIVES

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Report beliefs and claims while keeping their sources and certainty clear.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Explain the source of each claim and how certain you are.

A: Why is everyone taking photos of that house?

B: **It's said to have belonged** to a famous writer, but I'm not sure that's true.

A: Let's read the plaque. **It's believed that** she lived elsewhere in this street.

2. CLAIMS AND THEIR SOURCES

1. What place near you **is said to be** worth visiting? Who recommends it?
2. What local building **is believed to have been** used for something different?
3. What food **is thought to be** healthy? What evidence would you want to see?
4. What skill **is considered to be** important for your work or studies? Why?
5. What change **is expected to happen** in your area? Who expects it?
6. What person **is said to have influenced** your town or field of interest?

Keep talking: Who says that? / Is it a claim or a confirmed fact? / Where could we verify it?

3. REPORT WITHOUT OVERSTATING

Invent harmless reports if needed. Attribute the claim and explain any uncertainty.

7. A guide says a tunnel is 200 years old. Start: **It is believed that** ...
8. Residents predict a shop will reopen. Start: The shop **is expected to** ...
9. A source says an artist visited your town long ago. Use **is said to have** ...
10. You hear a new route is quicker. Report it with **is thought to be**, then question the claim.

4. CHECK A LOCAL LEGEND

Invent a local legend about a building, an object or a visitor. Report two claims and name the sources.

One partner is a visitor; the other explains what is believed, said or expected, not proven.

Example: This room **is said to have been used** as a studio. The guidebook mentions it.

Agree on one detail to verify and explain what kind of evidence would help.

Answer help: It is believed that ... / ... is said to be ... / ... is said to have ...

Remember: To have + participle reports an earlier event. A passive claim doesn't prove it true.