

REPORTING PASSIVES

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

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What place **is said to be** worth visiting?

Answer: The old observatory **is said to offer** wonderful views, according to the local guide.

Remember: It is believed that... / A subject is said to be... / To have + participle reports an earlier event.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What place is said _____ worth visiting? (be)

Answer: _____

2. What local change is expected _____ soon? (happen)

Answer: _____

3. Who is said _____ your town long ago? (visit; earlier)

Answer: _____

4. What is believed _____ about an old building? (be true)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. said / a / to / building / have / writer / to / belonged / the / is

2. year / is / to / expected / change / next / what

3. is / the / it / tunnel / very / believed / old / is / that

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. to be - What place is said to be worth visiting?

Sample answer: The hilltop gardens are said to be worth visiting because of the views.

2. to happen - What local change is expected to happen soon?

Sample answer: A new bus route is expected to start soon, according to the council's announcement.

3. to have visited - Who is said to have visited your town long ago?

Sample answer: A famous writer is said to have visited our town, but I'd like to check the source.

4. to be true - What is believed to be true about an old building?

Sample answer: It's believed that the building was once a school, although the records are incomplete.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Is the building said to have belonged to a writer?

2. What is expected to change next year?

3. Is it believed that the tunnel is very old?

TEACHER NOTES

Make clear who reports the claim. Passive reporting does not prove it; invented harmless claims are acceptable.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.