

PASSIVE VOICE IN ENGLISH

Reporting structures, passive with two objects & professional English.

Use the passive when the action, process or result is more important than the person who performs the action.

A. It is said that... / He is said to...

1. People think that she is a very good actress.
2. My grandfather believed that aliens walked on this earth years ago.
3. His boss has always said that there would be a salary raise.
4. People imagine a lot of ridiculous stories.
5. My friend suggested that I should visit that city.
6. The police presume they caused the accident.
7. Some neighbours are speculating that the new neighbours are hiding something.
8. The manager supposed that the company should increase 5% in the following months.
9. Everybody expected that he would do that.
10. The fans have always considered him the best player in the history of the club.
11. The government assumed the inflation would come down.
12. Journalists are reporting about the bank robbery.

B. Passive with two objects

1. They will buy their daughter a new cell phone.
2. My friend hasn't told me the truth yet.
3. She promised me a better salary.
4. I should give them some advice.
5. Someone asked them a strange question.
6. Are you going to send us a message?
7. Would you please lend me some money?
8. My boss will show us the new office.
9. They are offering me a new position.
10. She reads a story to her son every night.

C. Professional English

Rewrite: People believe the company will expand next year.

Rewrite: They offered me a management position.