###### The impersonal passive

**● The impersonal passive is a formal way of reporting thoughts, sayings, beliefs and opinions.**

**● We can use the impersonal passive with *say*, *think*, *claim* and *believe*.**

*It is said that dolphins are highly intelligent. It used to be thought that the Earth was ﬂat.*

*It is believed that learners will absorb the grammar as they learn the vocabulary.*

**● The impersonal passive can also be formed with the object + inﬁnitive.**

*The story is believed to be true.*

(They believe that the story is true.)

So, *People know that he is talented* becomes

*He is known to be talented*.

**A. Rewrite the following sentences to give the same meaning to the previous one:**

1 – She says that speaking with babies improves their mentality.

It ………………………………………………………………………

Speaking with babies ………………………………………………….

2 – She claimed that Rami destroys her possessions every time.

It ……………………………………………………………..

Rami …………………………………………………………

3 – These boys have never proven that the boy cheats in exams.

It ……………………………………………………………..

The boy ……………………………………………………….

4 – The police knew that Adel doesn't tell the truth.

It ………………………………………………………………

Adel …………………………………………………………...

5 – She will prove that these exercises are very useful for the whole body.

It ……………………………………………………………………...

These exercises ………………………………………………………….

6- Amer knows that Ahmad has several bank accounts.

It …………………………………………………………………...

Ahmad ……………………………………………………………..

7- The manager said that she came late yesterday.

It …………………………………………………………………….

She ………………………………………………………………......

**Answers:**

1. It is said that speaking with babies improves their mentality.

Speaking with babies is said to improve their mentality.

1. It was claimed that Rami destroys her possessions every time.

Rami was claimed to destroy her possessions every time.

1. It has never been proven that the boy cheats in exams.

The boy has never been proven to cheat in exams.

1. It was known that Adel doesn't tell the truth.

Adel was known not to tell the truth.

1. It will be proved that these exercises are very useful for the whole body.

These exercises will be proved to be very useful for the whole body.

1. It is known that Ahmad has several bank accounts.

Ahmad is known to have several bank accounts.

1. It was said that she came late yesterday.

She was said to have come late yesterday.

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