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C1 PASSIVE ≈ 27 MIN

Passive Reporting Structures — *practice on paper*

You know the two formal reporting patterns; now reinforce focus, verb choice, and source distance with fresh reports.

Impersonal: **it is reported that** + clause; named topic: **X is reported to** + infinitive.

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BRICK 1 · SORT BY REPORTING FRAME · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence: **it + that-clause** on the left, named topic + reporting infinitive on the right.

- It is reported that production resumes in May.
- It is believed that demand is stable.
- It is expected that regulators will reply soon.
- It is said that ownership remains unchanged.
- It is rumoured that two funds are interested.
- Production is reported to resume in May.
- Demand is believed to be stable.
- Regulators are expected to respond next week.
- Ownership is said to remain unchanged.
- Two funds are rumoured to be interested.

IMPERSONAL: IT + THAT	TOPIC FIRST: X + TO

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE REPORTING VERB · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Use the verb in brackets to form the correct **formal reporting frame**.

01 It is _____ that rail services will expand. (report)

02 The chair is _____ to announce the shortlist. (expect)

03 It is _____ that costs will fall next year. (believe)

04 The retailer is _____ to open three branches. (say)

05 It is _____ that several bidders remain. (rumour)

06 The revised policy is _____ to reduce delays. (believe)

07 It is _____ that talks will continue on Monday. (expect)

08 The operations lead is _____ to leave in September. (report)

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains one error in its reporting pattern. Rewrite the full sentence correctly.

01 According to press reports, the agency should open in April.

02 The firm is said that it wants a new investor.

03 It reported that exports rose in June.

04 The applicants are believed that they meet the criteria.

05 The chair is expect to resign after the vote.

06 It is rumour that another buyer has entered the talks.

BRICK 4 · WRITE SHORT REPORTS · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence for each prompt in a **formal reporting register**, naming the source when supplied.

01 Press report: state an expectation impersonally.

02 Minutes: place the responsible person at the start.

03 Market update: mark a reported belief and name the source.

04 Rumour: report cautiously with rumoured.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- I follow it is reported with a complete that-clause.
- I use is reported to plus an infinitive after a named topic.
- I do not automatically translate German hearsay sollen as should.
- I choose these forms mainly in formal registers and name available sources.

Unsure? First decide whether the whole report or the named topic should lead the sentence.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 It is reported that production resumes in May.
Impersonal: It frames the complete that-clause.

02 It is believed that demand is stable.
Impersonal: Believed marks a reported belief.

03 It is expected that regulators will reply soon.
Impersonal: Expected frames the whole expectation.

04 It is said that ownership remains unchanged.
Impersonal: Said introduces a complete report.

05 It is rumoured that two funds are interested.
Impersonal: Rumoured marks the statement as a rumour.

06 Production is reported to resume in May.
Topic first: Production precedes the reporting infinitive.

07 Demand is believed to be stable.
Topic first: Demand leads the reported belief.

08 Regulators are expected to respond next week.
Topic first: Regulators precedes are expected to.

09 Ownership is said to remain unchanged.
Topic first: Ownership takes the opening position.

10 Two funds are rumoured to be interested.
Topic first: Two funds leads the reported rumour.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 It is **reported** that rail services will expand.
Form rule: Is is followed by the participle reported.

02 The chair is **expected** to announce the shortlist.
Form rule: Expected links the topic to the infinitive.

03 It is **believed** that costs will fall next year.
Reporting verb: Believed marks a reported belief.

04 The retailer is **said** to open three branches.
Form rule: Said precedes the reporting infinitive.

05 It is **rumoured** that several bidders remain.
Reporting verb: Rumoured identifies a rumour.

06 The revised policy is **believed** to reduce delays.
Form rule: Believed links the topic to to reduce.

07 It is **expected** that talks will continue on Monday.
Reporting verb: Expected marks a reported expectation.

08 The operations lead is **reported** to leave in September.
Form rule: Reported precedes the reporting infinitive.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 According to press reports, the agency **is expected to** open in April.
Meaning: Is expected to marks the reported expectation.

02 The firm is said **to want** a new investor.
Form rule: A reporting infinitive follows the named topic.

03 It **is reported** that exports rose in June.
Form rule: The impersonal frame requires is reported.

04 The applicants are believed **to meet** the criteria.
Form rule: The named topic takes to plus infinitive.

05 The chair is **expected** to resign after the vote.
Form rule: Is is followed by the participle expected.

06 It is **rumoured** that another buyer has entered the talks.
Form rule: The reporting frame requires the participle rumoured.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Answers vary; check the frame, reporting verb, and source reference.

01 It is **expected that demand will recover** by autumn.
Impersonal: Expected frames the complete expectation.

02 The project lead is **reported to present** the options tomorrow.
Topic first: The person precedes the reporting infinitive.

03 According to the sector note, supply is **believed to remain** tight.
Source: According to identifies the origin of the belief.

04 A second bidder is **rumoured to be** preparing an offer.
Rumour: Rumoured marks the uncertain reporting status.

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