

2<sup>nd</sup> year bachillerato. Impersonal passive exercises.

la **Voz Pasiva Impersonal** es un tipo de construcción utilizado con gran frecuencia por los medios de comunicación, sobre todo en la **redacción de noticias**.

A diferencia de la **Voz Pasiva Personal**, donde el objeto directo de la oración activa pasa a ocupar el lugar de sujeto en la oración pasiva -para lo cual es necesario un verbo transitivo-, en la **Voz Pasiva Impersonal**, al utilizar **verbos intransitivos** como acción principal, no existe objeto que pueda cumplir esa función y es necesario seguir la siguiente estructura:

SUJETO

VERBO TO BE

PASADO PARTICIPIO

Veamos algunos ejemplos:

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| It is said       | Se dice      |
| It is known      | Se sabe      |
| It is supposed   | Se supone    |
| It is considered | Se considera |
| It is reported   | Se informa   |
| It is thought    | Se piensa    |
| It is decided    | Se decide    |

Ahora veamos ejemplos concretos sobre su desarrollo:

People believe that the strike will continue for a week.  
**It is believed that the strike will continue for a week.**

The police reported that there was a bomb on the plane.  
**It was reported that there was a bomb on the plane.**

También es preciso mencionar que en muchas ocasiones una **tercera construcción** es posible colocando el sujeto de la oración subordinada al comienzo de la oración; el verbo de percepción en voz pasiva y el resto de la frase se añade utilizando el infinitivo del verbo precedido por la partícula **"TO"**, teniendo en cuenta que algunos verbos auxiliares y **"THAT"** no se colocan:

- He says that the Governor had inaugurated the bridge the last year.
- It is said that the Governor had inaugurated the bridge the last year.
- **The Governor is said to have inaugurated the bridge the last year.**

- Everyone think that the ship will arrive tomorrow morning.
- It is said that the ship will arrive tomorrow morning.
- **The ship is said to arrive tomorrow morning.**

Exercise.

1. A lot of people think that he plays the piano beautifully.
2. Carol knew that Mike was stealing goods from the market.
3. Doctors informed that the woman died last night.
4. The detective presumes that the butler is the murderer.
5. My sister says that the party will be here.
6. Several businessmen hope that the Government supports his decisions.
7. Doctors affirm that smoking cause several damages.
8. Many people think that women are not as strong as men.

Solution .Study the way to change into passive voice.

What disappears from the previous sentences????

9. It is thought that he plays the piano beautifully.
10. It was known that Mike was stealing goods from the market.
11. It was informed that the woman died last night.
12. It is presumed that the butler is the murderer.
13. It is said that the party will be here.
14. It is hoped that the Government supports businessmen's decisions.
15. It is affirmed that smoking cause several damages.
16. It is thought that women are not as strong as men.

Now, try to do it yourself.

1. Ancient astronomers believed that the Earth was the center of the Universe.
2. The neighbours feared that the thieves would return to the neighbourhood.
3. The victims thought that John was not a bad person.
4. The workers of the factory say that he is a respectable man.
5. Some cultures consider that animals are gods.
6. He was thought to have been a good artist.
7. The lawyer considers that the statement is true.
8. They say that children are afraid of darkness.

This is another way to transform active into passive voice.

(Exercise) Look at the sentences below in the active voice:

1. Susan's parents believe that she broke the window.
2. Experts think that that Picasso is a fake.
3. The local authorities think that the robbery was not planned.
4. The lawyers alleged that the victim had asked for help.
5. People expect that taxes will increase next year.
6. They say that he knows the secret word.
7. Many people believe that aliens don't exist.
8. The judge supposes that Peter hit a policeman.

(solution) This is a possible transformation into the passive voice.

1. The window is believed to have been broken.
2. That Picasso is thought to be a fake.
3. The robbery is thought to have not been planned.
4. The victim was alleged to have asked for help.
5. Taxes are expected to be increased next year.
6. The secret word is said to be known.
7. Aliens are believed to not exist.
8. Peter is supposed to have hit a policeman.

Now look at these sentences and try to do the same:

9. The captain presumed that the radio equipment was damaged during the storm.
10. The Government said that they will establish new security measures.
11. My teacher considers that the exercise was wrong.
12. The President announced that the taxes will be increased tomorrow.
13. My father expects that the party will be a success.
14. The firemen think that there are more children inside the house.
15. The executives of the factory expect that the sales improve next year.
16. Scientists have reported that a dog caused the accident.