**Reporting verbs in passive**

**Present**

**Everybody knows** that my grandfather likesred wine.  
**It is known** that my grandfather likesred wine.

**Passive**

People believe that Johnson left Cardiff last month. Johnson is believed to have left Cardiff last month.

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| **allege assume believe claim consider declare** | **discover estimate expect feel find intend** | **know observe presume prove report reveal** | **say see show suppose think understand** |

**calculate**

1. They expect it will result in flop
2. We assume that this investment will pay off in the future
3. We claim that he didn’t see that activity through
4. Many people believe that incident was sparked unintentionally

1 People think that neither side wanted war.

Neither side is thought to have wanted war.

3 Everyone knows that eating fruit is good for you.

Eating fruit is known to be good for you.

4 People consider that one in three bathing beaches is unfit for swimming.

One in three bathing beaches are considered to be unfit for swimming.

5 At least 130,000 dolphins are reported to be caught in the nets of tuna fishers every year.

It is reported that at least 130,000 dolphins are caught in the nets of tuna fishers every year.

6 It is estimated that in the past 15 years about 10 million dolphins have been killed.

About 10 million dolphins are estimated to have been killed in the last 15 years.

7 In ancient Greece people thought dolphins were men who had abandoned life on land.

In ancient Greece it was thought that dolphins were men who had abandoned life on land.

8 In ancient Rome it was believed that dolphins carried souls to heaven.

In ancient Rome dolphins were believed to have carried souls to heaven.

9 People say that the company invested fifty million pounds last week.

The company is said to have invested fifty million pounds last week.

10 People say Mr Clark was difficult to work with when he was younger.

Mr Clark is said to have been difficult to work with when he was younger.

11 Someone has calculated that the water of the River Rhine contains over 2,000 chemicals.

It is calculated that the water of the River Rhine contains over 2,000 chemicals.

12 Everyone thought the painting had been destroyed in the fire.

The painting was thought to have been destroyed in the fire.

13 It is believed that the Chinese invented gunpowder.

The Chinese are believed to have invented gunpowder.

14 About 1 million papers are thought to have been sold.

People think about 1 million papers were sold.

15 It is thought that the two injured men were repairing high-tension cable.

The two injured man were thought to have been repairing high-tension cable.

16 We hope that the government has prepared a plan.

The government is hoped to have prepared a plan.

17 People say that Mr Bond was having business difficulties when he was charged with fraud.

Mr Bond is said to have been having business difficulties when he was charged with fraud.

18 It is thought that this treasure dates from the 19th century.

This treasure is thought to date from the 19th century.

19 People believe that a professional thief stole the painting.

It is believed that a professional thief stole the painting.