

KEY PASSIVE OF REPORTING VERBS

Rewrite each sentence so that the meaning stays the same.

- 1 People think that neither side wanted war.
Neither side is ***thought to have wanted war.***
- 2 People say that fewer than 1,000 blue whales survive in the southern hemisphere.
Fewer ***than 1,000 blue whales are said to survive in the southern hemisphere.***
- 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 ***is considered 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 past 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 earth.***
- 8 In ancient Rome it was believed that dolphins carried souls to heaven.
In ancient Rome dolphins ***were believed to carry 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 has been calculated that the water of the River Rhine contains over...
- 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 that about 1 million papers have been sold.***
- 15 It is thought that the two injured men were repairing high-tension cable.
The two ***injured men are 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 the painting was stolen by a professional thief/ a professional thief.***