



PASSIVE WITH TO-INFINITIVE

Take a look at these sentences:

Active Voice: “ People think Mark likes making fun of everybody.”
 Passive Voice 1: “It is thought (that) Mark likes making fun of everybody.”
 Passive Voice 2: “ Mark is thought to like making fun of everybody”

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SUBJECT	VERB	SUBORDINATE CLAUSE
People They Everyone	Say Think Believe Consider Tell State Suppose	Clause { <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My neighbours are very noisy and dirty - Unemployment is causing a lot of economic trouble - Young people love dancing and having fun - I was very lucky to have married you. - Smokers are having serious health problems. - Terrorism is the most important problem for Spaniards - We cheated in the exams.

2.- HOW IS THE TO-INFINITIVE PASSIVE FORMED?

“They think (that) underdeveloped countries need help from the richest ones”

3 STEPS:

- 1.- Pick the subject of the subordinate clause. → Underdeveloped countries
- 2.- Verb of the main clause in the passive → are thought
- 3.- **To infinitive** of the verb of the subordinate clause → to need
 - ☞ If the verb is present continuous → Continuous Infinitive → to be needing.
 - ☞ If the verb is Past Simple → Perfect Infinitive → to have needed

“Underdeveloped countries are thought to need help from the richest ones”

3.- EXERCISES.-

1.- Turn the examples in Number 1 and turn them into the two different ways of passive voice.- Follow this example:

- People say (that) my neighbours are very noisy and dirty
- It is said that my neighbours are very noisy and dirty
- My neighbours are said to be very noisy and dirty.

2.- Translate into English by using both passive structures.

- Se sabe que el SIDA mató a mucha gente.
- La gente cree que el clima está cambiando en el mundo.
- Se piensa que María escribió un correo electrónico a algunos políticos.
- Se supone que tienes que comportarte como un adulto.
- Se espera que los salarios sean un poco más altos que el año pasado.
- La gente piensa que los ciudadanos se están cansando de sus políticos .
- Se sabe que la publicidad tienen un gran efecto en las decisiones que la gente toma.