

## 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* ”

1.-

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

## 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 tiene un gran efecto en las decisiones que la gente toma.

“Practice makes perfect.”