

DISTANCING THE PASSIVE WITH REPORTING VERBS

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REPORTING VERBS

VERBS OF SAYING OR BELIEVING

agree, announce, believe, claim, consider, expect, hope, know, report, say, suggest, think, understand, etc.

They are in Las Vegas.

I am saying this. I'm responsible for this information.

It **is said** that they are in Las Vegas.

I'm distancing myself from this information. Someone else said this first, not me.

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IT + PASSIVE REPORTING VERB + (THAT) CLAUSE

SUBJECT + PASSIVE REPORTING VERB + TO + INFINITIVE

THEY ARE IN LAS VEGAS

IT **IS BELIEVED** THAT **THEY ARE** IN LAS VEGAS
PASSIVE REPORTING VERB

THEY ARE BELIEVED **TO BE** IN LAS VEGAS
PASSIVE REPORTING VERB INFINITIVE

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