

GRAMMAR – DISTANCING ( WB 30)

a. Complete the sentences with the words in the list

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| According    agreed    apparently    appears <del>believed</del> expected    may    seem |
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1. There are **believed** to be many homeless people living on the streets of the capital.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ that there is a connection between eating too many carbohydrates and depression.
3. The Prime Minister is \_\_\_\_\_ to announce his resignation by the end of the day.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to local residents, the man had always been a little strange.
5. The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ have been disturbed while they were going through the rooms upstairs.
6. It would \_\_\_\_\_ that there is some confusion about our new dress code. Staff are still turning up in jeans.
7. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that climate change is one of the greatest dangers facing the planet.
8. \_\_\_\_\_, the footballer was arrested because of an incident at a party last night.

b. Complete the second sentence so that you distance yourself from the information. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. An employee leaked the information to the press. (say)  
***It is said that*** an employee leaked the information to the press.
2. Politicians have been falsifying their expenses. (appear)  
\_\_\_\_\_ politicians have been falsifying their expenses.
3. The country's largest bank has gone bankrupt. (announce)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the country's largest bank has gone bankrupt.
4. The pop star has had another breakdown. (think)  
The pop star \_\_\_\_\_ had another breakdown.
5. The accused was under the influence of drugs. (may)  
The accused \_\_\_\_\_ under the influence of drugs.
6. The winner had been chosen before voting commenced. (seem)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the winner had been chosen before voting commenced.
7. The burglars entered through an open window. (might)  
The burglars \_\_\_\_\_ through an open window.
8. The economic situation will improve by next year. (hope)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the economic situation will improve by next year.

