

Constructions à sens passif

1. Il paraît que tu joues du piano.
2. On lui a dit de jouer du piano.
3. On dit de John qu'il joue du piano.
4. On dit que les cadres supérieurs ne craignent pas le chômage.
5. On nous a dit que le marché était morose.
6. On a dit aux électeurs de voter pour cette liste.
7. On les disait jaloux.
8. On dit que les ivrognes sont violents.
9. Il aurait mangé deux douzaines d'œufs ce matin. Tu y crois, toi ?
10. Deux détenus se seraient évadés, d'après le journal du matin.
11. Ils se seraient évadés si la police n'était pas arrivée à temps.
12. On lui aurait volé son portefeuille.

Passives

1 Reporting with passive verbs

➡ Grammar Reference 6.2 Student's Book p152

Rewrite the following sentences using the verb in brackets.

- 1 Don McCullin is one of the greatest war photographers. (considered)

Don McCullin is considered to be one of the greatest war photographers.

- 2 He suffered from recurring nightmares after working in Vietnam. (said)

- 3 The new president is a moderate. (said)

- 4 He was an active trade unionist when he was young. (known)

- 5 The rain will die out this afternoon. (expected)

- 6 The escaped prisoner is heading for Scotland. (reported)

- 7 She has an income of over £100,000. (supposed)

- 8 Three people have been killed in an avalanche. (believed)

- 9 They were skiing in the area when the avalanche started. (presumed)

- 10 The rival factions are heading for an agreement on the disputed territory. (thought)

2 Passive revision

Rewrite the two radio news stories, below and on p58, using passive constructions where appropriate.

- 1 People have hailed a teenage girl a hero after she jumped into a canal to save a child's life. Kate Mills, three, fell into the canal while strapped into her pushchair. Several passers-by saw the incident from the tow-path, but it was the girl who leapt into the water and dragged the buggy to the surface. A passing fireman pulled Kate and the girl from the water and an ambulance took them to hospital. They discharged them both after a brief check-up. They have not yet identified the girl, who left the hospital without revealing her name, but locals believe she is from outside the area.

A teenage girl has been hailed a hero after ...



A heroic cockatoo that someone killed last month as it tried to defend its owner may not have died in vain. People claim that 'bird', who its owner named after the basketball player Larry Bird, may provide vital evidence in a murder trial. When someone fatally attacked Bird's owner, Kevin Butler, at his home in Texas, the cockatoo fought back. Bird managed to wound the two assailants before they stabbed it to death with a fork. Now people hope that DNA they scrape from Bird's claws will help convict the suspected killers.

3 seem and appear

▶▶ Grammar Reference 6.3 Student's Book p153

Rewrite the sentences using *seem* and *appear* with different structures. In some you need to use a *to* infinitive, in the others a *that* clause.

- 1 It seems that he stole the money.
He seems to have stolen the money.
- 2 They appear to be missing.
It appears that they're missing.
- 3 It appears that the outlook for tomorrow's weather is good.

- 4 Tom appears to have been expelled from his school.

- 5 She seems to be enjoying life now that the trial is over.

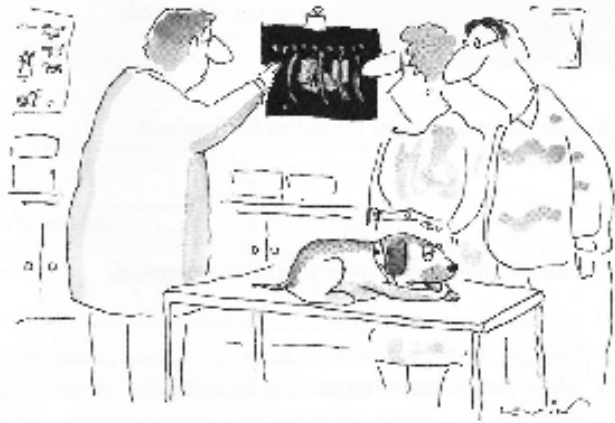
- 6 It seemed that the ousted dictator had left the country.

- 7 The spokesman seemed to be avoiding the journalist's questions.

- 8 It would appear that the gang have been arrested by the police.

- 9 It appears that their marriage has broken up.

- 10 The athlete would appear to have failed the drugs test.



'He appears to have eaten some homework.'