

	Simultaneous event	... is thought/said/... + Infinitive
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Present reporting

They say she is a good writer

She is said to be a good writer

They think she is writing a new book.

She is thought to be writing a new book.

Past reporting

They said she was a good writer

She was said to be a good writer.

They thought she was writing a new book

She was thought to be writing a new book

	Earlier event	... is thought/said/... + Infinitive
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Present reporting

They say she was a good writer

She is said to have been a good writer

They think she was writing a new book.

She is thought to have been writing a new book.

They know she has written 5 books.

She is known to have written 5 books.

They believe she has been writing since her childhood

She is believed to have been writing since her childhood.

Past reporting

They knew she had written 5 books.

She was known to have written 5 books.

They believed she had been writing since her childhood

She was believed to have been writing since her childhood.

1. People think that neither side wanted war. Neither side is
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2. People say that fewer than 1,000 blue whales survive in the southern hemisphere.
Fewer
3. Everyone knows that eating fruit is good for you. Eating fruit
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4. People consider that one in three bathing beaches is unfit for swimming. One in
three bathing beaches
5. At least 130,000 dolphins are reported to be caught in the nets of tuna fishers
every year. It is
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6. It is estimated that in the past 15 years about 10 million dolphins have been
killed. About 10 million dolphins
7. In ancient Greece people thought dolphins were men who had abandoned life on
land. In ancient Greece it
8. In ancient Rome it was believed that dolphins carried souls to heaven. In ancient
Rome dolphins
9. People say that the company invested fifty million pounds last week. The
company

10. People say Mr Clark was difficult to work with when he was younger. Mr Clark
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11. Someone has calculated that the water of the River Rhine contains over 2,000
chemicals. It
..... 12.
- Everyone thought the painting had been destroyed in the fire. The painting
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13. It is believed that the Chinese invented gunpowder. The Chinese
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14. About 1 million papers are thought to have been sold. People
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15. It is thought that the two injured men were repairing high-tension cable. The two
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16. We hope that the government has prepared a plan. The government
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17. People say that Mr Bond was having business difficulties when he was charged
with fraud. Mr Bond
18. It is thought that this treasure dates from the 19th century. This treasure
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19. People believe that a professional thief stole the painting. It
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