

Personal and Impersonal Form

Section A: Change from personal to impersonal form using the following sentence starters:

It is said that...

It is believed that...

It is thought that...

It is known that...

- 1) I think that children are scared of ghosts. → It is said that children are scared of ghosts.
- 2) The man said that red cars go faster than white cars.
- 3) We know that mountains often have snow on the top.
- 4) They believe that milk chocolate is tastier than dark chocolate.
- 5) I thought that the moon was made of cheese!

Section B: Change from impersonal to personal form:

- 1) It is said that clothes shopping is expensive. → I say that clothes shopping is expensive.
- 2) Eating salad is healthier than desserts.
- 3) It was believed that the Earth was flat.
- 4) It is believed that sea levels are increasing.
- 5) It was said that women could not vote.

Section C: Which is the correct personal version?

- 1) It is known that school dinners are healthy.
 - a) Schools dinners are healthy.
 - b) For me, a school dinner is healthy.
 - c) A school dinner is a healthy dinner.
- 2) Going to school every day will help you get a better job
 - a) I know going to school will help me get a better job.
 - b) It is believed that going to school every day will help you get a better job.
 - c) To get a better job, it is thought that going to school every day will help.

Section D: Which is the correct impersonal version?

- 1) I think that teachers know everything!
 - a) Teachers know everything, I thought.
 - b) He believes that teachers know everything.
 - c) It is known that teachers know everything.
- 2) She knows that good manners are important
 - a) Good manners are important, it is said.
 - b) She thinks good manners are important.
 - c) Good manners are important, she believes.

Section E: Write a paragraph discussing the benefits of brushing your teeth using some of the sentence starters below:

It is said that...

It is believed that...

It is thought that...

It is known that...