



# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 45 – It is said that

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# It is said that

## IT IS SAID THAT

A



George is very old. Nobody knows exactly how old he is, but:

- It is said that he is 108 years old. or
- He is said to be 108 years old.

Both these sentences mean:

‘People say that he is 108 years old.’

You can use **these structures with a number of other verbs, especially:**

**alleged / believed / considered / expected / known / reported / thought / understood**

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EX1: Cathy loves running.

- **It is said that** she runs 10 miles a day. or
- She **is said** to run 10 miles a day.

EX2: The police are looking for a missing boy.

- **It is believed that** the boy is wearing a white sweater and blue jeans. or
- The boy **is believed to be** wearing a white sweater and blue jeans.

EX3: The strike started three weeks ago.

- **It is expected that** it will end soon. or
- The strike **is expected to** end soon.

EX4: A friend of mine has been arrested.

- **It is alleged that** he stole a car. or
- He **is alleged to have stolen** a car.

EX5: The two houses belong to the same family.

- **It is said that** there is a secret tunnel between them. or
- There **is said to be** a secret tunnel between them.

**These structures are often used in news reports. For example, in a report about an accident:**

- EX6: **It is reported that** two people were injured in the explosion. or  
Two people are reported to have been injured in the explosion.

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## SUPPOSED TO

B

You can use **supposed to ...** in the same way as **said to ...** :

- EX7: I want to see that film. **It's supposed to be** good. (= people say it's good)
- EX8: There are many stories about Joe. **He's supposed to** have robbed a bank many years ago.
- EX9: Fireworks **are supposed to have been invented** in China. Is it true?

Sometimes **supposed to ...** has a different meaning. We use **supposed to** to say what is intended, arranged or expected. Often this is different from the real situation:

- EX10: The plan **is supposed to be** a secret, but everybody seems to know about it. (= the plan is intended to be a secret)
- EX11: What are you doing at work? You're **supposed to be** on holiday. (= you arranged to be on holiday)
- EX12: Our guests **were supposed to** come at 7.30, but they were late.
- EX13: Jane **was supposed to** phone me last night, but she didn't.
- EX14: I'd better hurry. I'm **supposed to be** meeting Chris in ten minutes.

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## SUPPOSED TO

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**You're not supposed to do something = it is not allowed or advised:**

- EX15: You're not supposed to park your car here. It's private parking only.
- EX16: Joe is much better after his illness, but he's not supposed to exercise too hard.

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## BÀI TẬP NHANH

You \_\_\_\_\_ your car here. It's private parking only.

- A. are not supposed to park
- B. are not supposed park
- C. are not supposed parking
- D. None of the answers is correct

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## TÓM TẮT

1. Để tường thuật lại một việc gì đó chúng ta nghe người khác nói nhưng không xác định rõ người nói, chúng ta dùng cấu trúc **It is said that ....** (có thể dịch: người ta nói ...)

**It is said that he is 108 years old** hoặc  
**He is said to be 108 years old.**

Ngoài say, các động từ thường dùng với cấu trúc này là **alleged, believed, considered, expected, known, reported, thought, understood**

2. Cấu trúc **It is supposed to be ...** cũng có nghĩa tương tự như ở trên.

**I want to see that film. It's supposed to be good. (= people say it's good)**

3. Để diễn tả một sự việc “được giả định,” chúng ta dùng cấu trúc: **It is supposed to**  
**The plan is supposed to be a secret, but everybody seems to know about it.**