

REPORTED SPEECH WITH "IT" / SPECIAL REPORTED SPEECH

E> Reported Speech using Empty Subject 'It':

Example:

"You are such a selfish person." – he **says** to her.

It **is said** that she is such a selfish person.

"The world is a flat surface." – people **said** in the 14th century.

In the 14th century, it **was said** that the world was a flat surface.

F> SPECIAL REPORTED SPEECH:

I. Reported Speech using S + be + said/believed/told... + to-V

When there is **a time order** between **the reported action** (in """), and **the reporting verb** (said/believed/told), in which **the reported action happened BEFORE it was reported**, we have to use **perfect** infinitive (to have V₃).

Example:

"**Dave** is a great father" she said. [No time order between "is a great father" and "said"]

She said that Dave was a great father.

It was said that Dave was a great father.

Dave was said to be a great father.

"**Someone** killed **the man** using a hammer." – the police reported. ["killed" happened before "reported"]

The police reported that someone had killed the man using a hammer.

It was reported that someone had killed the man using a hammer.

Someone was reported to have killed the man using a hammer.

The man was reported to have been killed using a hammer.

III. Reported Speech using S + be + accused of/suspected of + Ving/having

When there is **a time order** between **the reported action** (in """) and **the reporting verb** (accused of/suspected of), in which **the reported action happened BEFORE it was reported**, we have to use **perfect** gerund (having V₃)

Example:

"I think **the boy's** not telling the truth" **the woman** said. (suspected)

The woman suspected the boy of not telling the truth.

The boy was suspected of not telling the truth.

"**The man** over there! He stole my purse." – **the old lady** said. (accused)

The old lady accused the man of having stolen her purse.

The man was accused of having stolen the old lady's purse.