

Extraposition (it + clause)

Dummy it, it-clauses, passive reporting

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Extraposition uses 'it' subject to delay the real clause.

1 It + be + adjective + that/to

EASY

Choose the correct extraposition form.

Word bank: It is / It seems / It's

1. ____ obvious that she's right.

2. ____ seems prices are rising.

3. ____ a pity that he missed it.

4. ____ important that you attend.

5. ____ strange that she didn't call.

6. ____ likely that it will rain.

7. ____ unclear who was responsible.

8. ____ hoped the plan would work.

9. ____ agreed that action is needed.

10. ____ certain that they will come.

2 It + no use/good/worth

MEDIUM

Choose the correct form after it expressions.

Word bank: worrying / talking / making / saying

1. It's no use ____ about the past.

2. It's no good ____ to him.

3. It's worth ____ the effort.

4. It's not worth ____ about it.

5. It goes without ____ that...

6. It's no use ____ to change now.

7. It takes ____ to master it.

8. It stands ____ reason she knew.

9. It remains ____ seen.

10. It's no good ____ at this stage.

3 Passive Reporting with It

HARD

Choose the correct passive reporting structure.

Word bank: that / to / to have

1. It is said ____ he is talented.

2. It is believed ____ be true.

3. It is thought ____ have escaped.

4. It is alleged ____ stole the funds.

5. It was reported ____ funds missing.

6. It is understood ____ deal failed.

7. It transpired ____ he was wrong.

8. It turned out ____ lied to all.

9. It is rumoured ____ resign soon.

10. It was claimed ____ he escaped.

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Rewrite Using Extraposition**VERY HARD**

Rewrite beginning with 'It'.

1. That she's right is obvious.

3. That he missed it is a pity.

5. Talking to him is no use.

7. That he stole is alleged.

9. That they escaped is thought.

2. That prices rise seems likely.

4. That the plan failed was clear.

6. That she lied became clear.

8. That they agree is important.

10. Making the effort is worth it.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 It + be + adjective + that/to

1 It is

2 It seems that

3 It's

4 It is

5 It is

6 It is

7 It is

8 It was

9 It was

10 It is

2 Exercise 2 It + no use/good/worth

1 worrying

2 talking

3 making

4 worrying

5 saying

6 trying

7 time

8 to

9 to be

10 complaining

3 Exercise 3 Passive Reporting with It

1 that

2 to be

3 to have

4 that he

5 that

6 that the

7 that

8 that she had

9 that he will

10 that

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Using Extraposition

1 It is obvious that she's right.

2 It seems likely that prices will rise.

3 It is a pity that he missed it.

4 It became clear that the plan had failed.

5 It is no use talking to him.

6 It became clear that she had lied.

7 It is alleged that he stole.

8 It is important that they agree.

9 It is thought that they escaped.

10 It is worth making the effort.