

7.5 Passive reporting structures

1 Choose the correct option.

- They ___ countless opportunities for mathematicians.
 A are said to be
 B say there are
- 1 The Arabic numeral system ___ in India.
 A is thought to have evolved
 B is thought to evolve
- 2 The term 'mathematics' ___ by Pythagoras.
 A is known to have been invented
 B has been known to be invented
- 3 ___ that the idea of 'numbers' evolved gradually over time.
 A There's thought
 B It is thought
- 4 It ___ that mathematics contains the answer to all questions.
 A could argue
 B could be argued
- 5 ___ early civilizations developed different ways of writing down numbers.
 A It has known that
 B We know that
- 6 Ancient Egyptians are considered ___ to the development of mathematics.
 A to contribute
 B to have contributed
- 7 Greek mathematics ___ with Thales of Miletus.
 A is thought to have begun
 B has been thought to begin
- 8 ___ both these theories are true.
 A We may believe that
 B It has believed that
- 9 They weren't ___ in this case.
 A thought to be involved
 B thinking to have been involved
- 10 You are ___ for your exams in the summer.
 A expecting to have studied
 B expected to be studying

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2 Rewrite the sentences in two ways, using the beginnings in brackets.

- They say there are countless opportunities for mathematicians. (It... / There...)
It is said there are countless opportunities for mathematicians.
There are said to be countless opportunities for mathematicians.
- 1 We know that algebra was more advanced in Babylonia than in Egypt. (It... / Algebra...)

- 2 We could argue that the universe is nothing more than a mathematical model. (It... / The universe...)

- 3 They estimate there are around three billion users of the Internet. (It... / There...)

- 4 We know that Pythagoras discovered this theorem. (It... / Pythagoras...)

- 5 People considered such behaviour to be bad manners in the past. (It... / Such...)

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