

Suppose and supposed to ★★★

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Suppose means two very different things in ACTIVE and PASSIVE . . .

1 Active

I suppose (that).... = I think or imagine (that)...



***“I suppose he wants to go home early”
“I suppose so.”***

2 Passive

*I'm supposed to... = it is expected that I ...
(almost “I have to”)*



The children are supposed to take their shoes off before they come in

More examples

“Do you think he'll come?” “I suppose so.” “I suppose you're right.”

“I suppose the weather will improve later.”

“What are we supposed to do now?” “We're supposed to stay here.”

Fill each blank with *suppose* or *is/are supposed to*:

1 You _____ wait until the music stops before you leave.

2 I _____ it must be nearly eight o'clock.

3 We _____ go into the waiting room and wait there,

4 The children _____ remember their table manners when they're eating.

5 What do you _____ he will say?

6 You're young, so I _____ you can't drive yet?

7 Smith _____ be the servant of CITES, not its boss.'

8 Let us _____ that the lady did not die, but was whisked into obscurity

9 “I've remembered what we _____ be doing.”

10 “I don't _____ there's any chance I'll manage that now.”

Don't use:

~~*It is supposed that...*~~

Use:

We/you are supposed to..

(= are expected to..)

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