

Using seem

Seem is a copular verb. It is followed by adjectives, not adverbs. Seem means appear or look like.

Study the following examples.

I think he likes classical music.

The same idea can be expressed using seem. Two structures are possible.

It seems that he likes classical music.

He seems to like classical music.

More examples are given below.

I think she is excited about the offer.

It seems that she is excited about the offer.

She seems to be excited about the offer. OR She seems excited about the offer.

Seem and seem to be mean the same in most cases.

I think he is upset.

It seems that he is upset.

He seems to be upset.

People think that he is a cheat.

It seems that he is a cheat.

He seems to be a cheat.

I thought she was rich.

It seemed that she was rich.

She seemed to be rich.

Rewrite the following sentences using seem.

1. The police suspect that two children have gone missing.
2. I think she is busy.
3. I think that she is a strict disciplinarian.
4. The police suspect that he has a criminal background.

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Answers

1. It seems that two children have gone missing. / Two children seem to have gone missing.
2. It seems that she is busy. / She seems to be busy.
3. It seems that she is a strict disciplinarian. / She seems to be a strict disciplinarian.
4. It seems that he has a criminal background. / He seems to have a criminal background.