**PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL PASSIVE CONTRUCTIONS**

The verbs *think, believe, say, report, know, expect, consider, understand* etc are used in the following passive patterns in personal and impersonal constructions.

Active:        *People believe that he lied in court*.  
Passive:      1. *It is believed (that) he lied in court.* (impersonal)  
                  It + passive + that-clause  
                  2. *He is believed to have lied in court.* (personal)  
                  Subject + passive + to-infinitive  
  
Active:   *They expect him to arrive soon*.  
Passive:     3. *It is expected (that) he will arrive soon.* (impersonal)  
                It + passive + that-clause   
                4. *He is expected to arrive soon.* (personal)  
                Subject + passive + to-infinitive

Different tenses in personal passive constructions.  
Present active:  
*People believe that Mr Brown****owns****a lot of land in the north.*  
Present personal passive construction:  
*Mr Brown is believed****to own****a lot of land in the north.*  
  
Future active:  
people expect that a new law **will be introduced** next year.  
Future personal passive construction:  
A new law is expected **to be introduced** next year.  
  
Past active:  
*People believed that Mr Brown****owned****a lot of land in the north.*  
*They thought that the prisoners****had escaped****.*  
Present personal passive construction:  
*Mr Brown was believed****to have owned****a lot of land in the north.*  
*The prisoners were thought****to have escaped****.*