**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****.*