

IMPERSONAL CONSTRUCTION

It is/was
thought/said/known/believed/considered/
expected/reported/etc. **that** ...

e.g. *It is said that he is a good player.*

It is said that he was a good player.

It is believed that he is making a lot of money.

It was believed that he was making a lot of money.

It was reported that the police had arrested the thieves.

PERSONAL CONSTRUCTION

Present/Future

Noun/pronoun is/was
thought/said/known/believed/considered/
expected/reported/etc. **to VERB**

e.g. *He is said to be a good player.*

Past

Noun/pronoun is/was
thought/said/known/believed/considered/
expected/reported/etc.

to have VERB_{-ed/3}

e.g. *He is said to have been a good player.*

Gerund (-ing form)

He is believed to be making a lot of money. (present)

He was believed to have been making a lot of money. (past)

Rewrite the sentences using personal constructions.

1. It is thought that women **live** longer than men.
2. It is known that smoking **causes** cancer.
3. It is said that the water in the river is contaminated.
4. It is believed that the universe is expanding.
5. It is expected that more than a million species worldwide will become extinct in a few decades.
6. It is believed that the problem will be solved soon.
7. It is said that she left the country a year ago.

8. It is reported that the police have arrested the suspect.
9. It was thought that she had stolen that key.
10. It is thought that the driver was doing a U-turn.
11. It is known that the plane had experienced a small-scale fire earlier that morning.