

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL CONSTRUCTIONS

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

Active: People **say** that he has lost his job.

Passive: a) **It is said** (that) he has lost his job. (impersonal construction)

b) **He is said to have lost** his job. (personal construction)

Active: People **know** that she **works** hard.

Passive: c) **It is known** that she **works** hard.

d) **She is known to work** hard.

Complete the sentences, as in the example.

1. It is expected that he will win the race tomorrow.

He is expected to win the race tomorrow.

2. It is thought that the school has good teachers.

The school

3. It is said that she speaks seven languages.

She

4. It is believed that the missing jewellery has been found.

The missing jewellery

5. It is thought that she is a talented pianist.

She

6. It is said that the athletes train for eight hours every day.

The athletes

7. It is expected that the American team will break the world record.

The American team

8. It is known that she is hiding somewhere in the city.

She

9. It is reported that the world leaders have reached an agreement.

The world leaders

10. It is reported that the thieves have escaped from prison.

The thieves