**REPORTING PASSIVE**

We can use the passive with verbs such as believe,claim,expect,know,report,understand,

consider,think….to report an event or to talk about an opinion. The following patterns can

be used:

People say that he is 100 years old.

---it+passive+that clause : It is said that he is 100 years old.

---subject+passive+to+infinitive: He is said to be 100 years old.

Compare the two structures:



**Rewrite the sentences.**

Ex. They believe that skin cancer will cause more deaths in the coming years.

It is believed that skin cancer will cause more deaths in the coming years. OR

Skin cancer is believed to cause more deaths in the coming years.

1. People think that he is living in Norway.

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Norway.

2. They expect that the repairs will take three to five weeks

It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the repairs will take three to five weeks.

3. People say that she left the country some time ago.

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the country some time ago.

4. Experts believe that the house was built in the 17th century.

The house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 17th century.

5. They say that the fire has completely destroyed the museum.

The museum \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by the fire.

6. The accident is reported to have been caused by human error.

It is reported \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by human error.

7. They claim that ambulances have taken 15 people to the hospital.

It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15 people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. It is reported that many people are homeless after the flood.

Many people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. It is believed that the thieves got in through a window in the roof.

The thieves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



