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STRUCTURE VERB TENSES 	people/ they/ we + verb people/they/we say, think, consider, reckon, claim ,etc..	it is + verb (past participle) that... It is (said/thought/claimed, understood ,etc.)	subject + is + said/thought , etc. + to (be, have ,etc.) He, she is /they are (said/thought/claimed ,etc.) to (verb)
Simple present	People say he is English. We understand she doesn't like football.	It is said that he is English It is understood that she doesn't like football.	He is said to be English. She is understood not to like football.
Present continuous	People think he is waiting for us now.	It is thought that he is waiting for us now.	He is thought to be waiting for us now.
Future (will/going to)	People expect that he will join the company soon.	It is expected that he will join the company soon.	He is expected to join the company soon.
Present passive	They say that many smartphones are stolen every day.	It is said that many smartphones are stolen every day.	Many smartphones are said to be stolen every day.
Present passive continuous	They think dinner is being cooked as we speak.	It is thought that dinner is being cooked as we speak.	Dinner is thought to be being cooked as we speak.
Future passive	People expect that taxes will be raised next year.	It is expected that taxes will be raised next year.	Taxes are expected to be raised next year.
VERB TENSES 	aprendeinglesenleganes.com Are you looking for material to prepare for your Cambridge English Exam? 		STRUCTURE : subject + is said / thought/ believed , etc. + perfect infinitive (to have done, been ,etc.) 
Present Perfect	People think he has left for good. The police assume that the arrested man has killed three people.	It is thought that he has left for good. It is assumed that the arrested man has killed three people.	He is thought to have left for good. The arrested man is assumed to have killed three people.
Present perfect continuous	They know she has been working very hard.	It is known that she has been working very hard.	She is known to have been working very hard.
Past perfect	The prosecution say he had killed her earlier that morning.	It is said that he had killed her earlier that morning.	He is said to have killed her earlier that morning.
Past perfect continuous	They say he had been planning to leave his partner.	It is said that he had been planning to leave his partner.	He is said to have been planning to leave his partner.
Past simple	People say that he got married in Germany. People claim that he died two weeks ago.	It is said that he got married in Germany. It is claimed that he died two weeks ago.	He is said to have got married in Germany. He is claimed to have died two weeks ago.
Past continuous	They say he was studying very hard for his exam.	It is said that he was studying very hard for his exam.	He is said to have been studying very hard for his exam.
Past passive	They report that two people were injured in the accident.	It is reported that two people were injured in the accident.	Two people are reported to have been injured in the accident.