

Said to be (answers)

There is a small group of verbs often used in a particular way as shown below:

"People think he was involved in the murder of a banker." is better as:
"He is thought to have been involved in the murder of a banker."

"People believe that the seventh child of a seventh child has special powers ."

... is better as: **"The seventh child of a seventh child is believed to have special powers."**

The verbs used like this are: **to think, to believe, to say, to know, to report, to expect** etc e.g.

- *"Whales are known to be able to communicate over long distances under water."*
- *"Da Vinci is known to have made many drawings which have been lost."*

Notice the use of different tenses:

- A) **"The escaped prisoner is believed to be in London."** (People think he's still there.)
B) **"The escaped prisoner is believed to have been in London."** (They think he's probably left.)

Now transform these sentences appropriately:

1	Shakespeare's works are said to have been written by someone else.
2	Horseshoes are believed to bring good luck.
3	People are known to behave unpredictably when placed under great stress.
4	He is believed to have lived in that house for a while.
5	Smallpox is expected to have been eradicated within 20 years.
6	The President is believed to be seriously ill.
7	Obesity is generally accepted to be a leading factor in poor health.
8	The interest rate is expected to be raised.
9	Inflation is expected to increase.
10	Marlon Brando was at one time believed to be planning a return to the screen.
11	His heavy drinking is said to be the main reason for his failure.
12	In the last report the astronauts were said to be orbiting the moon.
13	Aborigines are said to be able to track any animal.
14	Politicians are known never to answer a question directly.
15	Merkel and Hollande are reported to have reached an agreement in Paris.
16	The police are thought to be looking for a man with one eye. (Why not use BOTH eyes?)
17	Russian scientists are known to have carried out similar experiments.
18	A cure for ebola is reported to have been found.
19	He is known to have stolen government money.
20	Elvis is rumoured to have been seen in Dallas.
21	The terrorists are feared to have escaped.
22	Love is said to be blind.
23	The acceleration in the melting of the ice-caps is believed to be increasing.
24	A good diet and exercise are known to be essential for good health.
25	The missing spacecraft is thought to have crashed onto the surface of Mars.
26	The black hole at the centre of the galaxy is believed to be expanding.