

Complex Subject

Verbs used with Complex Subject constructions

Verbs in passive voice: Is/are/am/was/were + Past Participle	Active verbs	To be + adjective
known to	happen	Likely to
heard to	seem	Unlikely to
Considered to	appear	Sure to
Believed to	turn out	Certain to
Supposed to		
Thought to		
Expected to		
Said to		
Reported to		
Made to		
Forced to		
...		

Present

It is known [that science affects every sphere of human life (*object subordinate clause*)].



Science is known [to affect] (*simple infinitive*) every sphere of human life.

subject **predicate**

object

Present + continuous aspect

It seems, she is sleeping now.



She seems [to be sleeping] (*continuous infinitive*) now.

Past

It appears, they lost interest in this journey altogether.



They appear [to have lost] (*perfect infinitive*) interest.

Past + continuous aspect

It is likely that the professor was working in the lab when our rector arrived.



The professor is likely [to have been working] in the lab...