Active and Passive Voice Exercise

We use active voice when the subject performs the action. We use passive voice when the action is performed by the object.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate active or passive verb forms.

1. Malini ................................ a colorful hat for her daughter.
   bought    
   was bought    
   have bought

2. The dog ................................ up in the kennel by its master.
   locked    
   was locked    
   have locked

3. The winners ................................ by the principal.
   praised    
   have praised    
   were praised
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4. Susie ................................ a chocolate cake for her sister's birthday.
baked
was baked
will be baked

5. Who ................................ this book on Greek mythology?
wrote
has wrote
was written

6. The salesman .......................... all the questions patiently.
answered
was answered
has answering

7. The instructor ........................... the players to be careful.
was advised
has advising
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8. She ........................................ in 2012.
   was graduated
   graduated
   has graduated

9. The police ................................ the stolen goods.
   was recovering
   have recovered
   was recovered

10. The patient .............................. to the intensive care unit.
    shifted
    was shifted
    was shifting

11. The parents ............................. the children abroad for higher education.
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sent
were sent
was sending

12. A doctor ................. to be compassionate.

need
needs
is needing

Answers

1. Malini bought a colorful hat for her daughter.
2. The dog was locked up in the kennel by its master.
3. The winners were praised by the principal.
4. Susie baked a chocolate cake for her sister’s birthday.
5. Who wrote this book on Greek mythology?
6. The salesman answered all the questions patiently.
7. The instructor advised the players to be careful.
8. She graduated in 2012.
9. The police have recovered the stolen goods.
10. The patient was shifted to the intensive care unit.
11. The parents sent the children abroad for higher education.
12. A doctor needs to be compassionate.