Passive Voice Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate passive verb form.

1. They appointed him yesterday. / He
   ........................................ yesterday.

   appointed
   was appointed
   was appointing

2. She is writing a novel. / A novel
   ........................................ by her.

   is written
   was written
   is being written

3. I was cooking dinner. / Dinner
   ........................................ by me.
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was cooking
was cooked
was being cooked

4. Open the door. / Let the door

.........................

open
opened
be opened

5. Call the first witness. / Let the first witness

............................

be called
called
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be calling

6. The police searched the room. / The room ......................... by the police.

searched

was searched

was searching

7. They are counting the votes. / The votes ..............................

are counting

are counted

are being counted
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8. They will announce the winner in the afternoon. / The winner ......................... in the afternoon.

will announce
will be announced
will be announcing

9. Everybody loves him. / He ............................... by everybody.

loved
is loved
is being loved

10. They arrested the man for smuggling. / The man ...................... for smuggling.

arrested
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was arrested

was arresting

11. We will have finished the job by Friday. / The job ………………………………… by Saturday.

will have finished

will be finished

will have been finished

12. They beat him. / He ………………………………… by them.

was beaten

was beated

beaten
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Answers

They appointed him yesterday. / He was appointed yesterday.
She is writing a novel. / A novel is being written by her.
I was cooking dinner. / Dinner was being cooked by me.
Open the door. / Let the door be opened.
Call the first witness. / Let the first witness be called.
The police searched the room. / The room was searched by the police.
They are counting the votes. / The votes are being counted by them.
They will announce the winner in the afternoon. / The winner will be announced in the afternoon.
Everybody loves him. / He is loved by everybody.
They arrested the man for smuggling. / The man was arrested for smuggling.
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