In the past perfect tense, we make passive verb forms by putting had been before the past participle form of the verb.

Active: I had received the parcel.
Passive: The parcel had been received by me.
Active: She had won many awards.
Passive: Many awards had been won by her.

Exercise

Change the following sentences into the passive.

1. The boy had stolen the purse. / The purse ....................... by the boy.
   - was stolen
   - has been stolen
   - had been stolen

2. The cat had drunk the milk. / The milk ............................... by the cat.
   - was drunk
   - has been drunk
   - had been drunk

3. She had taken the tablet. / The tablet .......................... by her.
   - had been taken
   - has been taken
   - was taken

4. I had learnt my lessons. / My lessons ............................. by me.
   - had been learnt
   - has been learnt
   - have been learnt
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5. I had sent the parcel. / The parcel ........................
   has been sent
   had been sent
   was sent

6. I had booked two tickets. / Two tickets ....................... by me.
   were booked
   have booked
   had been booked

7. They had finished the job. / The job .......................... by them.
   has been finished
   was finished
   had been finished

8. I had missed the flight. / The flight ......................... by me.
   was missed
   has missed
   had been missed

9. She had won the first prize. / The first prize .................... by her.
   had won
   had been won
   have been won

10. The constable had caught the thief. / The thief ....................... by the constable.
     had caught
     had been caught
     was caught
11. She had created many problems. / Many problems ......................... by her.

had created
have been created
had been created

PLAY AGAIN!

Answers

1. The purse had been stolen by the boy.

2. The milk had been drunk by the cat.

3. The tablet had been taken by her.

4. My lessons had been learnt by me.

5. The parcel had been sent by me.

6. Two tickets had been booked by me.

7. The job had been finished by them.

8. The flight had been missed by me.

9. The first prize had been won by her.

10. The thief had been caught by the constable.

11. Many problems had been created by her.