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
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.