THE PASSIVE VOICE – PRACTICE

Put the following sentences into the passive voice. Don't mention the agent unless so instructed.

1. They will take her to hospital tomorrow.

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2. Nobody has slept in that room for years.

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3. This is a good idea, but we cannot carry it out in practice.

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4. They turned my offer down.

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5. Somebody must have taken it while I was out.

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6. Did the noise frighten you? (agent)

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7. They gave the thief a fair trial and sent him to prison. (two passives)

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8. The orchestra played that piece beautifully.

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9. The girls didn't realise that someone was following them.

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10. You must not throw away empty bottles in the dustbin; you must put them in the bottle bank. (two passives)

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11. Nobody has ever spoken like that to me before.

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12. A friend told me the news this morning.

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13. She fell into the water because somebody pushed her.

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14. When we got home we found that a burglar had broken into our house and he had stolen our T.V.

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15. I don't know the time because the watch repairer is mending my watch.

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16. Has someone mended that chair yet?

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17. The fire destroyed many valuable paintings. (agent)

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18 Ladies used to wear their dresses very long.

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HELP. * Identify the object of the transitive verb in the active sentence. This will be the new subject.
* Identify the tense of the transitive verb. The passive verb must be in the same tense as the active verb, and must agree with the new subject.

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