

Phrasal verbs are made up of a verb and a preposition or adverb particle. It is not easy to guess the meaning of a phrasal verb. Test your understanding of phrasal verbs with this grammar exercise.

1. Don't argue with her. She will never

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- back up
- back down
- back out

2. The buyer at the last moment.

- backed down
- backed out
- backed up

3. your stand with valid arguments.

- Back off
- Back up
- Back down

4. The government must on drug traffickers and terrorists.

- bear down
- back out
- bear on

5. She must be praised for under so much pressure.

- bearing up
- bearing down
- bearing with

6. Please us while we complete the paperwork.

- bear down
- bear with
- bear up

7. The scandal in a couple of weeks.

- blew in
- blew over

blew up

8. The terrorists the railway station.

blew up

blew over

blew in

9. You should those shoes before you go hiking.

break, up

break, in

break, off

10. Violent protests in various parts of the country.

broke up

broke out

broke off

11. Democracy has great

changes in the lives of ordinary people.

brought out

brought about

brought on

12. Why did you the fact that she is unemployed?

bring up

bring out

bring down

Answers

1. Don't argue with her. She will never back down.
2. The buyer backed out at the last moment.
3. Back up your stand with valid arguments.
4. The government must bear down on drug traffickers and terrorists.
5. She must be praised for bearing up under so much pressure.
6. Please bear with us while we complete the paperwork.
7. The scandal blew over in a couple of weeks.
8. The terrorists blew up the railway station.
9. You should break those shoes in before you go hiking.
10. Violent protests broke out in various parts of the country.
11. Democracy has brought about great changes in the lives of ordinary people.
12. Why did you bring up the fact that she is unemployed?