Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Phrasal verbs are two or three word verbs whose meanings are quite different from the meanings of the individual words in them. Examples are: put off, get along, come up, bring down and put out.

Test your understanding of phrasal verbs with this grammar exercise.

Fill in the blanks with a suitable phrasal verb.

1. You are quite good at ...................... excuses.

coming up  
making up  
making off  
bringing up

2. The thieves ....................... with the jewels in the middle of the night.

made up  
made out  
made off

3. Things have finally started ...................... ...

bringing up  
coming up  
looking up
4. Although she was quite upset, she managed to ………………… her tears …………………

- bring, back
- hold, back
- cut, down
- hold, down

5. I think I am ……………………… with a flu.

- coming down
- going down
- falling down

6. She ……………………… well with her neighbors.

- puts off
- gets along
- gets away
- comes along

7. It is really cold. Why don’t you ………………… your coat?

- put off
- put on
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put out
put up

8. Can you ....................... with a solution to this problem?

bring up
come up
put up
take up

9. The unruly boy was ....................... with a strict warning.

let off
get off
let down
bring off

10. I ....................... an old friend of mine yesterday.

came across
came at
came off
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11. Profit has been ………………….. recently.

falling off
getting off
letting off

Answers

1. You are quite good at making up excuses.
2. The thieves made off with the jewels in the middle of the night.
3. Things have finally started looking up.
4. Although she was quite upset, she managed to hold her tears back.
5. I think I am going down with a flu.
6. She gets along well with her neighbors.
7. It is really cold. Why don’t you put on your coat?
8. Can you come up with a solution to this problem?
9. The unruly boy was let off with a strict warning.
10. I came across an old friend of mine yesterday.
11. Profit has been falling off recently.
12. Major policy reforms are required to bring about substantial improvements in the housing sector.