Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Each sentence given below contains an incomplete phrasal verb. Complete the expression by supplying an appropriate preposition or adverb particle.

1. I am going to ask her ................. to dinner tonight.

on
out
about

2. I won’t be able to get out before you back ............... your car.

out
up
off

3. My family didn’t back me ................. over my decision to quit my job.

out
up
in

4. The car blew ................. after it crashed into
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the tree.

over
up
out

5. Can you blow this balloon ...............?

over
up
out

6. The car broke .................... in the storm.

out
off
down

7. The woman broke ..................... when she learned that she had cancer.

up
down
out
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8. If you find the task difficult, break it ................. into smaller parts.

up
down
in

9. The thieves broke ................. through the back door.

in
into
out

10. Susie has called ................. her wedding.

out
off
on

11. I desperately need someone to cheer me .................

on
up
in
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12. I came .................. these old letters while organizing the closet.

out
through
across

Answers

1. I am going to ask her out to dinner tonight.

2. I won’t be able to get out before you back up your car.

3. My family didn’t back me up over my decision to quit my job.

4. The car blew up after it crashed into the tree.

5. Can you blow this balloon up?

6. The car broke down in the storm.

7. The woman broke down when she learned that she had cancer.

8. If you find the task difficult, break it down into smaller parts.

9. The thieves broke in through the back door.

10. Susie has called off her wedding.
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11. I desperately need someone to cheer me up.

12. I came across these old letters while organizing the closet.