

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate phrasal verb.

1. They held a press conference last week to ..... support for their proposal.

- drum up
- muck in
- mull over

To drum up support is to gain support.

2. The deal ..... at the last minute for reasons that were not clear.

- fell out
- fell through
- fell off

If a deal falls through, it fails and it is abandoned.

3. He ..... the channels hoping to find something interesting.

- flipped through
- flicked through
- fell through

To flip through is to change from one channel to another. Flick through has the same meaning.

4. It is not uncommon for people to ..... alternative medicine when modern drugs don't work.

- fall behind on
- fall back on
- fall for

When you fall back on something/somebody you turn to it/them when you are in difficulty.

5. The word ..... that she was having an affair with her boss.

- got about
- got away
- got around

When news gets around, it spreads.

6. He is not a bright student and he doesn't do well in his tests. He just manages to .....

- get off
- get in
- get by

To get by is to live on very little money, or to manage to do something with difficulty.

7. The meat smells awful. It must have .....

- gone out
- gone off
- gone about

If meat goes off, it is not good anymore.

8. Legal battles are slow and expensive. In many cases, the appeals process ..... for years.

- drags out
- drags off
- drags on

If something drags on, it lasts longer than necessary.

9. She was tired and ..... while watching TV

- dozed off
- dozed down
- dropped off

To drop off is to fall asleep. Doze off has the same meaning.

10. Human rights activists have been asking the government to ..... the death penalty.

- do in
- do away
- do away with
- do out

To do away with something is to abolish it.

11. I think it was the lack of sleep more than the drinks that really .....

- did me away
- did me up
- did me in

When something does you in, it makes you tired.

12. His marriage ..... when his wife discovered that he had been cheating on her.

- fell off
- fell down
- fell apart

When things fall apart, they disintegrate or break into pieces. When relationships fall apart, they fail to work.

PLAY AGAIN !

## Answers

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