Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks. This grammar exercise tests your understanding of phrasal verbs.

1. The kids broke ................................ as soon as they saw the buffoon.
   out
   off
   up

2. It is a mystery how the prisoners managed to break .................................. of jail.
   up
   out
   off

3. I broke ......................................... a rash after taking a dip in the pond.
   out in
   out on
   up in

4. The news of his death brought me ..................................
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off
down
out

5. I don't like it when you bring ........................................ politics.

out
up
in

6. I called ........................................ but I could not find anyone to fix the roof.

out
on
around

7. He drew a blank when the professor called ........................................ him for question 1.

up
on
out
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8. Although I ran faster I couldn't catch ......................................... with her.

off  
out  
up

9. The company checks ........................................ all applicants before hiring.

on  
up  
out

10. I bought the kids some chocolates to cheer them ..........................................

off  
up  
on

11. He has come ........................................... flu.

don with  
down  
out with
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12. If you want to lose weight, you have to cut .............................................. sweets and burgers.

up on
out on
back on

Answers

1. The kids broke up as soon as they saw the buffoon.

2. It is a mystery how the prisoners managed to break out of jail.

3. I broke out in a rash after taking a dip in the pond.

4. The news of his death brought me down.

5. I don’t like it when you bring up politics.

6. I called around but I could not find anyone to fix the roof.

7. He drew a blank when the professor called on him for question 1.

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9. The company checks out all applicants before hiring.

10. I bought the kids some chocolates to cheer them up.
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12. If you want to lose weight, you have to cut back on sweets and burgers.