Phrasal Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with a preposition or an adverb particle that completes the phrasal verb.

1. The soldiers killed the terrorists by acting ................................ tips from an informer.

   up
   on
   out

2. The students acted ........................................... King Lear on stage.

   up
   on
   out

3. My dogs act ................................................. whenever the postman comes..
4. Your story just doesn’t add ........................................

5. Oily foods do not agree ........................................... me.

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6. Commercials aiming .................................. children must be banned.

7. I don’t like it when children answer their parents .................................
8. You can never argue me .........................
down
off
out

9. As dad was ill I called to ask ....................... him.
for
after
around

10. I have asked some friends .......................... for dinner on Sunday.
up
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11. He backed __________________ as soon he saw the dog.

12. We will be in trouble if they back __________________ at the last minute.
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Answers

The soldiers killed the terrorists by acting on tips from an informer.
The students acted out King Lear on stage.
My dogs act up whenever the postman comes.
Your story just doesn’t add up.
Oily foods do not agree with me.
Commercials aiming at children must be banned.
I don’t like it when children answer their parents back.
You can never argue me down.
As dad was ill I called to ask after him.
I have asked some friends over for dinner on Sunday.
He backed off as soon he saw the dog.
We will be in trouble if they back out at the last minute.