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

1. She puts ....................... a small amount every month towards her retirement.
   off
   by
   in

To put something by is to save an amount of money to use later.

2. The meeting has been put ....................... until Thursday.
   on
   off
   up

To put off is to postpone.

3. He is just putting ....................... an act to win your sympathy.
   up
   on
   out

To put on an act is to fake and pretend.

4. I cannot put ....................... this heat.
   up
   up with
   out with

To put up with something is to tolerate it.
5. The firemen worked hard to put ................................ the fire.

up
out
off

To put out fire is to extinguish it.

6. Could you put me ...................................... to the manager?

through
into
up

To put x through to y is to connect x and y.

7. Don't forget to put the lights ............................... when you leave.

on
off
out

To put lights out is to switch them off.

8. I am sorry to have to put you ............................... this.

on
through
over

To put somebody through something is to cause them to experience something.

9. You need good communication skills to be able to put your message ..............................

over
across
To put your message across is to communicate it.

10. My professor has agreed to put a good word .................... for me.

11. You had better put your coat ....................... before going out. It is very cold outside.

To put on clothes is to wear them.

12. Everybody liked the suggestion put ....................... by Susie.

To put forward a suggestion is to present it for other people's consideration.

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Answers

1. She puts by a small amount every month towards her retirement.
2. The meeting has been put off until Thursday.
3. He is just putting on an act to win your sympathy.
4. I cannot put up with this heat.
5. The firemen worked hard to **put out** the fire.
6. Could you **put me through** to the manager?
7. Don’t forget to **put the lights out** when you leave.
8. I am sorry to have to **put you through** this ordeal.
9. You need good communication skills to be able to **put your message across**.
10. My professor has agreed to **put a good word in** for me.
11. You had better **put your coat on** before going out. It is very cold outside.
12. Everybody liked the suggestion **put forward** by Susie.