

Read the sentence and tell what the underlined phrasal verb means.

1. I need to brush up on my Spanish before I travel to Mexico.
2. I am going to bed early tonight. I really need to catch up on my sleep after the holiday weekend.
3. Cheer up. This bad weather won't last forever.
4. She'll close up shop around 9, then take the bus home.
5. The boys broke the window accidentally. They should have just admitted it and taken the punishment. Instead, they tried to cover it up.
6. You should stop dreaming and face up to the truth. Nate is not going to ask you out again.
7. I'd like to go with you, but I still don't feel up to going out. It has taken a long time to recover from this flu.
8. I finally gave up on getting my son to tuck in his shirt.
9. The woman was very rude and finally hung up on me.
10. Sorry we're late. We were held up by construction on the freeway.
11. The prices will be marked down before Black Friday.
12. I'm sorry, but we don't have a ticket for you. There was a mix up at the box office and all of the tickets have been sold. I can give you a ticket for tomorrow's performance if you like.
13. He liked my ideas and asked me to write them up and present them at the next staff meeting.
14. We've been practicing for three hours. Let's wrap it up and go home.
15. Guess who turned up at our basketball practice yesterday.
16. The company consented to our demands for equal compensation for women employees.
17. Go ahead and call her if you think that will help.
18. The gradual buildup of enemy forces on our border have forced us to send in troops.
19. If they don't submit to visual inspections of the nuclear facilities, we won't approve the treaty.
20. He hasn't responded to the numerous phone calls and emails.

Which word does not fit:

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| 1. quarrel | wrestle | disagree | argue |
| 2. contest | bout | match | discussion |
| 3. clean | erase | delete | eradicate |
| 4. smear | soil | grudge | dirty |
| 5. favor | compassion | sympathy | caring |
| 6. complete | finish | fill | conclude |
| 7. comply | follow | obey | ignore |
| 8. consent | deny | agree | approve |

Answer these questions with your whole group.

1. How do you respond to frequent criticism?
2. What is "constructive criticism"?
3. Do you agree with this old saying? "You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar."
4. How do you respond to advertisers that call your house?
5. "Cover up" usually means hide something. There is a piece of clothing worn over a swim suit called a "coverup". Should everyone wear a coverup on the way to the pool, or is it OK to just wear a swim suit?
6. Which are you more likely to believe: something you saw on television, read in a book or heard from a friend?

7. I know more about _____ than most people.
8. I would never joke about _____.
9. I often think about why _____.
10. I like to give advice about _____.
11. I always cry at _____.
12. My parents and I used to battle over _____.

Put one of the prepositions below into the blank.

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1. We all tried to participate _____ the discussion.
2. Everybody laughed _____ him when he put on the fake beard.
3. I am dreaming _____ a vacation on the beach.
4. The children are fighting _____ their toys.
5. What subjects are you interested _____?
6. They are aiming _____ finishing the year in the black.
7. She reminds me _____ her sister.
8. He is totally focused _____ his job.
9. It's too bad they lied _____ it.
10. One shouldn't cry _____ spilled milk.
11. She gave a report _____ the environment.
12. Why did he persist _____ asking questions?
13. What are you looking _____?
14. Are you going to invest _____ that business?
15. He taught me a lot _____ music.
16. He helped us _____ getting a loan.
17. She advised me _____ the best courses to take.
18. I wish I could think _____ something to get Billy for Christmas.
19. She still grieves _____ the loss of her dad.
20. Submerge the duck _____ ice water before picking off the feathers.