Phrasal verbs 1

Write a preposition(s) or particle(s) from the box after each verb in bold in these sentences to make phrasal verbs. The meaning of each phrasal verb is in italics at the end of each sentence.

back	behind	down	forward	in	into	of	off
on	out	over	to	up	with		

1. Some parents are criticised for the way they **bring** ..... their children. *(raise)*
2. The committee members **fell** ..... over plans for the new health centre. *(argued)*
3. They refused to **face** .... their responsibilities, with disastrous consequences. *(accept an unpleasant state of affairs, and try to deal with it)*
4. At the last minute we had to **call** ..... our visit to the museum. *(not to go ahead with something)*
5. I can always **count** ..... my best friend to be there when I need him. *(rely / depend)*
6. Many developing countries are failing to **catch** .... their more developed neighbours. *(get to the same level)*
7. As the wind **dies** ....., the heat and humidity gradually begin to rise. *(becomes less strong)*
8. An alarming number of students **drop** .... school early every year. *(leave)*
9. Major international companies can't **figure** ..... the popularity of the anti-capitalist movement. *(find it hard to understand)*
10. If they examined the issues more closely, they would **find** ..... the reasons for the changes. *(discover)*

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11. As we **grow** ..... our priorities change. *(change from being children to being adults),*
12. Students can be quite creative with the reasons they give for not **handing** ..... their homework. *(giving their teachers)*
13. Salaries very rarely **keep** .... the cost of living. *(rise at the same speed as)*
14. The article is very detailed, but **leaves** ..... the reasons for demographic change. *(does not include)*
15. The lecturer **pointed** ..... all of the places on the map where similar incidents had occurred. *(showed)*
16. Before you write your essay, you should **look** ..... the Party's history. (*research)*
17. Many employees **carried** ..... working despite pressure from the unions. *(continued)*
18. Once people **fall** ..... with their mortgage payments, they come under extreme financial pressure from their bank. *(become late)*
19. The first step to a healthier lifestyle is to **cut** .... amount of salt you consume. (*reduce)*
20. It is becoming more common for people to **cut** ..... meat from their diet. *(stop eating)*
21. In the late 1990s, a lot of large supermarket chains **took** ..... premises that had previously been run by small, independent retailers. *(assumed control)*
22. When computer technology fails us, we have to **make do** ..... more primitive methods. They're called 'pen and paper'. *(use something because there is nothing else available)*
23. In this essay, I'd like to **put** ..... the arguments for and against globalism. *(suggest or state the case for something)*
24. When I **look** .... my childhood, I remember the many sacrifices my parents made for me. *(think about something that happened in the past)*

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