Opposites: verbs

Replace the verbs or verb phrases in bold in these sentences with a word from the box which has an opposite meaning in the context of the sentence. You will need to change the form of most of the verbs.

abandon	accelerate	~~accept~~	agree	defend	demolish	deny	deteriorate	fall	forbid
ignore	loosen	lower	retain	retreat	reward	simplify	withdraw		

1. When our trip was cancelled, we **rejected** the travel company's offer of a partial refund. *accepted*.
2. She **admitted** that she had left the door unlocked when she left the house. .....
3. Aerial footage shows how quickly the floodwaters are **advancing.** .....
4. The company **refused** to let members of the public enter the building. .....
5. Many shopkeepers **attacked** the decision to make the street traffic-free. .....
6. The factory was **built** in 2004. .....
7. He **complicated** matters by rewriting the original proposal. .....
8. When the money ran out, they had to decide whether or not to **continue with** their research. .....
9. Relations between the two countries have **improved** considerably in the last few years. .....
10. **Punishing** young children in order to get them to work hard is, in my opinion, wrong. .....
11. He **raised** the overall standards of the company within two months of his appointment. .....
12. Smoking is **allowed** in most restaurant and cafés. .....
13. Prices **rose** sharply in the first three months of the year. .....
14. Before you do anything else, make sure you **tighten** the knots in the rope. .....
15. I went to the bank and **deposited** over £5,000. .....
16. He **lost** his position as head of the department. .....
17. By pushing the red button, the vehicle **slows down** rapidly. .....
18. Everyone **acknowledged** all the hard work I had done. .....

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