VERBS + PREPOSITIONS - UP

up = in pieces	up = not asleep	up = in order	up = completely gone
break up	be up	tidy up	be up
split up	wake up	clean up	shut up
blow up	stay up	wash up	give up
cut up	wait up	make up	take up
chop up	wake up	clear up	mess up
tear up	keep up	tidy up	screw up
rip up	set up	clean up	use up
split up	start up	wash up	give up
blow up		pack up	mess up
		wipe up	

Exercise 1: Choose the correct "up" phrasal verb from the list to complete each sentence. Use each verb only once.

break up, split up, blow up, cut up, chop up, tear up, rip up, split up, blow up, chop up

1. The chef _____ the vegetables into small pieces before adding them to the soup.
2. After ten years of marriage, they decided to _____.
3. He accidentally _____ the document while cleaning his desk.
4. If you want to make a smoothie, you need to _____ the fruit first.
5. The teacher _____ our group because we were not working together effectively.
6. I always _____ old credit cards before throwing them away.
7. They had to _____ the large logs to use them as firewood.
8. The balloon _____ when too much air was pumped into it.
9. After the heated argument, they _____ and agreed to go their separate ways.
10. The artist _____ paper into small pieces to create her collage.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct "up" phrasal verb that means "not asleep" to complete each sentence.

1. She often _____ late to finish her assignments.
   a) wake up
   b) stay up
   c) blow up
2. I'll _____ for you until you get home.
   a) keep up
   b) start up
   c) wait up
3. Don't _____ too early! It's Saturday and we can sleep in.

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a) wake up

b) be up

c) shut up

4. I couldn't _____ with all the changes happening at work.

a) give up

b) take up

c) keep up

5. When he _____ to study for his exam, it was already midnight.

a) stay up

b) set up

c) wait up

6. She _____ at 5 a.m. every day to practice yoga.

a) waits up

b) wakes up

c) messes up

7. If I _____ late, I always feel tired the next day.

a) take up

b) screw up

c) stay up

8. After the alarm rang, I _____ and started getting ready.

a) woke up

b) used up

c) took up

9. They _____ until 2 a.m. watching movies last night.

a) woke up

b) stayed up

c) messed up

10. I can't _____ until you arrive—it's getting too late.

a) wait up

b) wake up

c) take up

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Exercise 3: Use the correct "up" phrasal verb meaning "in order" or "completely gone" to complete each sentence.

tidy up, clean up, wash up, make up, clear up, tidy up, pack up, wipe up, shut up, give up, mess up, screw up, use up, clear up

1. I need to _____ the mess before our guests arrive.
2. Let's _____ our bags and get ready to leave.
3. If you _____ the dishes, I'll dry them.
4. After spilling the milk, she _____ it with a towel.
5. He _____ all the coffee, so we'll need to buy more.
6. I don't have time to _____ all my files right now.
7. She _____ an excuse for being late to class.
8. We should _____ our disagreements and start fresh.
9. He told me to _____ because he was tired of hearing me complain.
10. If you _____ once, just try again.
11. He's determined not to _____ on his dreams.
12. I _____ the presentation and had to redo it completely.
13. He spent all day _____ his room and finally found the missing book.
14. The strong winds _____ the leaves in the backyard.
15. After the event, we all helped to _____ the hall.

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