Organising Verbs with UP – 1

Complete each of the groups of sentences below with one of the following verbs. Use each verb once only.

come up	**go up**	**pick up**	**set up**
give up	**make up**	**put up**	**take up**

1.

Did he		a prize at the show?
Does he expect me to		the bill?
I managed to		some ideas at the meeting.

2.

I'll have to		my job and look after her.
If you		smoking, you'll feel better.
Tommy,		your seat to the lady!

3.

Won't it		too much of your time?
She decided to		her skirt as it was too long.
I think I'll		golf, when I retire.

4.

Don't		an excuse! Tell the truth!
Will they ever		their quarrel?
Come on! You must		your mind!

5.

They've		an enquiry into the incident.
You need money to		in business.
The police		road blocks to stop the terrorists.

6.

I've been forced to		prices.
He's agreed to		the money you need.
The party may		an alternative candidate.

7.

We watched the moon		over the hill.
Did the subject		in the course of conversation?
People used to		and speak to her.

8.

Prices will		in the New Year.
We saw the building		in flames.
Why don't you		and introduce yourself?

Test yourself by covering the middle column.

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Organising Verbs with UP – 2

Fill each blank with one of the following verbs. Use each verb once only.

break up **draw up** **hold up** **look up**
bring up **get up** **keep up** **turn up**

1.

You must		Don't walk so slowly.
I hope this rain doesn't		much longer.
We try to		appearances.

2.

It was tactless to		such a sensitive subject.
She had to		the children alone.
Why don't you		the matter of expenses.

3.

If you		your collar, you won't be so cold.
It's too soft. Please		the volume.
They didn't		until the party was over.

4.

It will take time to		an agreement.
We saw a car		and a man get out.
Why don't you		your chair nearer to the fire?

5.

Things are beginning to		at last.
He didn't even		when he came in.
Remember to		any words you don't know.

6.

If you know the answer		your hand.
The robbers planned to		the bank in the town centre.
The police had to		the traffic because of the accident.

7.

It'll take ages to		that hill!
I have to		early tomorrow morning.
We should		a petition against the motorway.

8.

The ship began to		on the rocks.
The police decided to		the meeting.
When do the schools		for the summer holiday?

Test yourself by covering the phrasal verbs.

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Organising Verbs with UP – 3

Complete the blanks in the definitions with the verbs below. Use each verb once only.

back	brush	dig	screw	beat
cheer	freshen	stay	blow	crop
mix	tighten	bottle	dress	own

1. ..... up — If children ..... to watch television, they don't go to bed at the normal time.
2. ..... up — People who ..... their emotions try to control them and not show how they are feeling.
3. ..... up — If you tell someone to ....., you want them to stop being so miserable.
4. ..... up — If you ..... to something wrong, you admit you were the person who did it.
5. ..... up — When terrorists ..... a bridge, they destroy it with an explosion.
6. ..... up — People who ..... you ..... hit or kick you and hurt you badly.
7. ..... up — When you ....., you wash and make yourself look more presentable.
8. ..... up — If you ..... to go to a party, you wear very smart clothes.
9. ..... up — If you ..... two people or things, you can't tell the difference between them.
10. ..... up — When you ..... your Spanish, you improve it.
11. ..... up — If you ..... your face, you twist a part of it to show disapproval.
12. ..... up — When you ..... someone ....., you give them help and support.
13. ..... up — When you ..... security, you make it stricter.
14. ..... up — Problems which ..... appear unexpectedly.
15. ..... up — If you ..... information, you discover something that had been kept secret.

To test yourself cover the sentence and try to remember how the verb is used.

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