

“Down” Phrasal Verbs (2) Answers

Choose the answer with the closest meaning to the **down - phrasal verb**:

1. John is 40 now. It's time he got married and **settled down**!
 made a stable lifestyle *stopped chatting* *became calm*
2. Tim was arrested for **burning down** his shop for the insurance.
 having high heat *setting fire to completely* *refusing customers*
3. I **jotted down** a few notes from the scientist's great lecture.
 wrote on paper *audio recorded* *photocopied*
4. The police are really **cracking down on** large protest marches.
 encouraging *becoming strict about* *becoming violent*
5. The kids **scarfed down** the cookies in just a few minutes.
 ate everything quickly *could sell* *prepared quickly*
6. We finally **took down** our Christmas decorations on Feb. 1st.
 made a donation *made a list of* *removed from walls*
7. You need to **slow down**! The speed limit is only 85kph!
 change lanes *quickly stop* *reduce speed*
8. Protesters are demanding that the corrupt president **step down**.
 greet the people *get off the stage* *resign*
9. Kim's been **feeling down** lately, so I bought her a nice gift.
 sad/depressed *very sick* *in a bad mood*
10. The teacher kept telling the bad students to **keep it down**.
 remove posters *be quiet* *write better notes*
11. We **put down** a huge deposit to reserve the church for our wedding.
 found a new place *paid* *asked for a discount*
12. You need to **calm down** and concentrate on fixing the problem!
 become less angry *try harder* *get serious*
13. I had to **let Meg down easy** when I fired her. She's so sensitive.
 disappoint a little *be gentle* *do it quickly*
14. Protesters refused to **back down**, even after police violence.
 allow more help *continue an action* *admit defeat*
15. Rich business owners are always **talking down to** the staff.
 spreading rumors *shouting at* *treating as less important*