

## “Down” Phrasal Verbs (3) Answers

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

1. The recent increase in crime was **put down to** the bad economy.  
*not connected to*                      *decreased by*                      *blamed on*
2. Cops **took down** the names of everyone involved in the fight.  
*erased from a list*                      *recorded on a list*                      *arrested*
3. Excitement's over. Just **settle down** and return to your desks.  
*relax and be quiet*                      *have a seat*                      *find a partner*
4. The proposal to feed the homeless at Christmas was **voted down**.  
*accepted*                      *postponed*                      *rejected*
5. The huge protest finally began to **die down** after a few days.  
*become less energized*                      *become violent*                      *suddenly end*
6. Dad really needs to **cut down on** his eating. He's getting fat.  
*completely quit*                      *do less of*                      *get better at*
7. I'm gonna **run down to** the market. You need anything?  
*make a shopping list*                      *quickly go to*                      *go for a jog*
8. Airport security has to **pat down** every passenger who flies.  
*check bags of*    *shake hands with*    *check bodies for weapons*
9. I can't wait 'till they **tear down** that old warehouse!  
*completely destroy*                      *close forever*                      *remodel*
10. Ann had a really long day, so she's **laying down** before dinner.  
*taking a bath*                      *setting the table*                      *taking a nap*
11. The woman **broke down** crying when she got the sad news.  
*emotionally collapsed*                      *ran away*                      *became violent*
12. After asking a lot, I finally **wore her down** and Kim said OK.  
*slowly changed her mind*                      *got her angry*                      *tricked her*
13. The dangerous bank robbers were **gunned down** by the police.  
*disarmed*                      *shot to death*                      *chased after*
14. Beautiful rich kids often **look down on** their poorer classmates.  
*treat fairly*                      *think they are better*                      *spread rumors*
15. If my report has too much technical info. I can **water it down**?  
*change it all*                      *explain again*                      *simplify it*