

**“Off” Phrasal Verbs (3)**

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

1. We were forced to **lay off** staff due to the bad economy.  
*reduce/cancel bonuses*      *fire/let go*      *higher fewer*
2. Kim is seeing a married man, but has decided to **break it off**.  
*get angry about*      *end a relationship*      *get divorced*
3. Ladies who smoke cigarettes really **turn me off**!  
*make me unattracted to*      *excite me*      *make me angry*
4. You're cheating on the test! **Knock it off** or I'll tell Mr. Smith!  
*stop doing it*      *answer the door*      *be more careful*
5. Our boss has **signed off on** my new business plan!  
*taken credit for*      *completely rejected*      *formally approved of*
6. The frequency of the aftershocks **tapered off** after 6 months.  
*suddenly stopped*      *remained constant*      *gradually lessened*
7. I accidentally made the fire alarm **go off** while I was cooking.  
*drop and break*      *make a loud noise*      *start a fire*
8. The bartender **cut me off** because he said I was too drunk.  
*said only 1 more*      *kicked me out*      *stopped serving alcohol*
9. I **dozed off** on the train and missed my stop.  
*fell asleep*      *took the wrong one*      *had an accident*
10. The effects of the anesthesia will **wear off** after an hour or so.  
*gradually appear*      *change clothes*      *gradually disappear*
11. The police **cordoned off** the area where the murder happened.  
*searched*      *stopped people from entering*      *put on display*
12. All that exercising and dieting really **paid off**! You look fabulous!  
*got great results*      *was expensive*      *was a waste*
13. The politician **laughed off** questions about accepting bribes.  
*ignored*      *acted as if unimportant*      *strongly denied*
14. There was a bear near our cabin, but our dog **scared it off**.  
*frightened it away*      *I ran away in fear*      *was not afraid*
15. Bob easily **rattled off** all the names of the players on the team.  
*erased*      *copied signatures*      *quickly said from memory*