

“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*