

## “Off” Phrasal Verbs (5)

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

1. We were **goofing off** all day and didn't get any studying done.  
*not working seriously      doing our job      doing housework*
2. The candidates **squared off** in a tough heated debate.  
*refused to talk      completely agreed      battled*
3. Ed was kicked out of school for **mouthed off** to his teachers.  
*speaking unpleasantly to      refusing to speak      speaking too much*
4. I had huge student loans to **work off** after graduating from college.  
*become school staff      earn money to pay back      study more*
5. The event **started off** boring, but soon became very exciting.  
*was moved      was delayed      began*
6. I think Thomas **gets off on** treating his staff badly.  
*really enjoys      hardly ever works      often fires*
7. I can't believe the thieves were able to **pull off** the robbery.  
*stop doing      get arrested for      succeed in doing*
8. The thieves **made off with** millions of dollars of artwork.  
*successfully stole      were caught with      failed to steal*
9. The govt. is taking steps to **head off** the upcoming recession.  
*lessen an impact      prevent from happening      encourage*
10. I started dancing and **showing off** when the cute girls came in.  
*embarrassing myself      giving lessons      trying to impress*
11. I hit the gym to **burn off** the calories I'd eaten over Christmas.  
*donate extra food      use energy by exercising      leave gifts*
12. The party was boring, so Kay and I **snuck off** & drank at a bar.  
*secretly left      stole alcohol      decided not to go*
13. Workers said they'd **walk off** the job if bonuses were cut.  
*come in late      angrily complain      stop working*
14. Our guard dog **chased off** the thieves when they came in our house.  
*tried to hide      forced to run away      ran away*
15. Bankers **made a fortune off of** the stock market crash in 2008.  
*got lots of money      lost lots of money      caused to happen*