

**“Up” Phrasal Verbs (4) Answers**

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

1. A ton of work **piled up** while I was on vacation.  
 *accumulated*    *was put on hold*    *was done by coworkers*
2. Please **wipe up** the mess you made on the counter.  
*help yourself to*    *don't worry about*     *clean with a cloth*
3. My computer died and I forgot to **back up** my data!! Rats!!  
 *make a second copy*    *reverse everything*    *give support to*
4. Someone **used up** all my shampoo in the shower!  
*stole*    *opened a new one*     *finished all of*
5. I gave Sue my apology letter, but she just **ripped it up!**  
*yanked from my hand*     *tore into pieces*    *threw it back*
6. It took me 4 hours to **set up** my new home theater.  
 *make ready to use*    *order on-line*    *collect all the pieces*
7. These easy exercises help **build up** a student's confidence.  
*teach everything*     *create/develop*    *start from the basics*
8. The train is taking forever to get going! What's **holding it up?**  
*lifting it*    *robbing it*     *delaying things*
9. I **don't** really **feel up to** cooking Christmas dinner this year.  
 *have no motivation to do*    *don't know how to*    *not hungry*
10. Sorry, something **came up** and I can't make it to lunch.  
*don't know how*     *unexpected obligation*    *someone visited me*
11. Tim's got clothes everywhere! He never **hangs** things **up!**  
*does laundry*     *puts on hangers*    *ends phone calls*
12. Wow! It costs almost \$60 to **fill up** my car with gas these days!  
*fill with groceries*    *park in a garage*     *add until full*
13. It's nearly impossible to **wake Bill up** anytime before 10:00.  
 *rouse from sleep*    *get to a funeral*    *go to sleep*
14. Can you **pick up** the children on your way home from work?  
*lift off the ground*    *find dates for*     *get and take somewhere*
15. Just **heat up** the food in the microwave if you're hungry later.  
*make from scratch*     *make warm*    *get excited about*