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Explanations

1. To destroy an old bridge with explosives is the same as to _____ up the bridge.
✓ **A) blow**
Blow up means to destroy something with an explosion: **They blew up the old bridge. Mess up** means to make a mistake, and **make up** means to invent.

2. To not go to bed early is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **B) stay**
Stay up means to not go to bed until late: **We stayed up to watch the film.**

3. To go faster and faster is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **C) speed**
Speed up means to go faster: **The car sped up on the motorway.**

4. If a problem suddenly happens, it is the same as saying a problem has just _____ up.
✓ **C) cropped**
Crop up means to appear or happen suddenly, often without warning: **Something has cropped up at work.**

5. To divide into groups is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **B) split**
Split up means to divide into smaller groups: **The teacher split the class up into four groups.**

6. To admit you have done something wrong is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **A) own**
Own up means to admit that you did something wrong: **He owned up to breaking the window.**

7. To fasten your coat is the same as to _____ up your coat.
✓ **C) do**
Do up means to fasten clothes, buttons or a zip: **Do up your coat, it's cold.** Not **tighten**, which we use for belts or screws, not for fastening a coat.

8. To make or create trouble is the same as to _____ up trouble.
✓ **B) stir**
Stir up trouble means to cause problems or make people argue: **He's always stirring up trouble.**

9. To try to find some information or thing from the past is the same as to _____ up something.
✓ **C) dig**
Dig up means to find information or things that were hidden or forgotten: **The journalist dug up some old letters.**

10. To redo your lipstick and tidy up your hair and appearance is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **B) freshen**
Freshen up means to wash quickly or tidy your hair and make-up so you look and feel clean: **I'll just freshen up before dinner.**

11. To make something louder is the same as to _____ up the volume.
✓ **A) turn**
Turn up the volume means to make it louder. The opposite is **turn down**.

12. If you hit, punch or kick someone, it's the same as to _____ up someone.
✓ **C) beat**
Beat up someone means to hit or kick them many times and hurt them. **Pull up** means to stop a car, and **bottle up** means to hide feelings.

13. To finish your drink quickly because you are leaving is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **C) drink**
Drink up means to finish your drink quickly: **Drink up, we have to leave.**

14. If you form a queue to get something, it is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **A) line**
Line up means to stand in a line or queue: **People lined up to buy tickets.**

15. To not share your feelings with anyone is the same as to _____ up your feelings.
✓ **A) bottle**
Bottle up your feelings means to keep them inside and not show or talk about them: **Don't bottle up your anger.**

16. For a car, to stop outside somewhere is the same as to _____ up outside.
✓ **C) pull**
Pull up means a car or other vehicle stops: **A taxi pulled up outside the hotel.** Not **turn up**, which means to arrive, not to stop a vehicle.

17. To make a mistake is the same as to _____ up.
✓ **A) screw**
Screw up is an informal way to say make a mistake or do something badly: **I screwed up the exam.**

18. To practise a skill you have already is the same as to _____ up a skill.
✓ **C) polish**
Polish up a skill means to practise and improve something you can already do: **I need to polish up my French before the trip.**

19. To not be able to speak or move because of fright or worry is the same as to _____ up.
✓ B) freeze
Freeze up means to suddenly be unable to speak or move because you are scared or nervous: **She froze up in the interview.**

20. To support something or stop something is the same as to _____ it up.
✓ A) hold
Hold up has two meanings: to support something (**These posts hold up the roof**) and to delay or stop something (**Traffic held us up**).

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