C1 Advanced - Wordspot - ____ up the volume

A. What would you do in each situation? Use the same phrasal verb in all three answers.

1. Your favourite song comes on the radio. You can barely hear it, and the chorus is about to start.
2. You've missed the last two quiz nights. Your team has saved you a seat again, and this time you've promised to be there.
3. Your new jeans fit perfectly at the waist, but the legs are so long that you keep stepping on them.



B. What does the phrasal verb mean in each situation?

C. Sort the expressions into three groups. There are four in each.

turn a blind eye to ~~turn away~~ turn chilly turn the tables on turn out turn pale turn back the clock turn professional turn against turn sour turn over a new leaf turn to

Phrasal verbs	Idioms	Collocations
turn away		

D. Use the expressions from C in the correct form to complete the sentences.

1. By the third week of the strike, public opinion had begun to ..... the drivers.
2. We left the milk out overnight. By breakfast it had .....
3. I had nobody else to ..... for advice about the audition.
4. We were losing until half-time. Two quick goals helped us ..... our rivals.
5. Even with an extra row of seats, we had to ..... people at the door.
6. Dad ..... when he saw the hospital bill. The colour drained from his face.
7. I would love to ..... and hear that record for the first time again.
8. The forecast looks good, but it can ..... here as soon as the sun goes down.
9. That scribble on the receipt ..... to be the artist's signature.
10. I used to miss every deadline. This term I'm determined to .....
11. At nineteen, the swimmer gave up her amateur status and .....
12. The guard saw us slip in late but chose to ..... it.

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E. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between three and six words, including the word given.

1. It was only after the second interview that I asked my old boss for advice.

   TURN

   Only after the second interview ..... my old boss for advice.

2. The organisers had no choice but to refuse entry to latecomers.

   TURN

   The organisers were left ..... latecomers away.

3. I regret being unable to go back in time and change my answer.

   TURN

   I wish ..... and change my answer.

4. The referee would never deliberately ignore a foul like that.

   TURN

   The referee would never ..... a foul like that.

5. Maya regrets becoming a professional at sixteen.

   TURN

   Maya now thinks it ..... professional at sixteen.

6. Few expected the losing side to reverse the situation and gain the advantage over the champions.

   TURN

   Few expected the losing side ..... the champions.

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ANSWER KEY

A.

1. I'd turn up the volume.
2. I'd turn up for quiz night.
3. I'd turn up my jeans.

B.

1. Make the music louder.
2. Arrive.
3. Shorten the legs by folding up the bottoms.

C.

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turn against	*turn a blind eye to*	*turn chilly*
turn away	*turn back the clock*	*turn pale*
turn out	*turn over a new leaf*	*turn professional*
turn to	*turn the tables on*	*turn sour*

D.

1. turn against
2. turned sour
3. turn to
4. turn the tables on
5. turn away
6. turned pale
7. turn back the clock
8. turn chilly
9. turned out
10. turn over a new leaf
11. turned professional
12. turn a blind eye to

E.

1. did I | turn to
2. with no choice | but to turn OR no choice | but to turn
3. I could | turn back the clock
4. turn a blind eye | to
5. was a mistake | to turn OR was wrong | to turn
6. to turn | the tables on

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