

# Break

## 1. Study the meaning of phrasal verbs

| PHRASAL VERB                 | MEANING                                  | EXAMPLE                                                                               |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| break down                   | 1. stop working (of cars, engines, etc.) | Tim's car broke down on his way to work.                                              |
|                              | 2. lose control of feelings              | She broke down and cried when she heard the terrible news.                            |
| break in / into (a building) | enter by force or illegally              | The burglars broke into our neighbours' house and took all their jewellery.           |
| break into                   | start singing, smiling, etc. suddenly    | Her face broke into a smile when she saw her newborn baby.                            |
| break out                    | 1. begin suddenly (war, fire, etc.)      | The Great Fire of London broke out on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1666.                 |
|                              | 2. escape from a place                   | The police helicopter is searching for a criminal who broke out of prison last night. |
| break up                     | 1. stop for holidays (of schools, etc.)  | The family is going to Disneyland when schools break up for the summer holidays.      |
|                              | 2. stop a relationship                   | She's just broken up with her boyfriend.                                              |

## 2. Match the phrase with the correct picture

break down

break into

break out

break up



### 3. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition

| down                                                                                                                  | in | into | out | up |
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| 1. Jill and Simon usually visit the grandparents when the schools break <input type="text"/> for the summer holidays. |    |      |     |    |
| 2. Jake broke <input type="text"/> song when he heard the great news.                                                 |    |      |     |    |
| 3. In World War I fighting broke <input type="text"/> in 1914 and ended in 1918.                                      |    |      |     |    |
| 4. The burglars broke <input type="text"/> the house when the family was on holiday.                                  |    |      |     |    |
| 5. Maria took her car to the mechanic as it broke <input type="text"/> this morning.                                  |    |      |     |    |
| 6. A dangerous criminal broke <input type="text"/> of prison yesterday.                                               |    |      |     |    |
| 7. Sam broke <input type="text"/> when his friend told him the bad news.                                              |    |      |     |    |