

# Phrasal Verbs with **BREAK**

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**B1 B2 -  
Intermediate**



**break down**  
lose control emotionally

**DOWN**

*"She broke down in tears when she heard the news."*

**break out in**  
suddenly develop a skin problem

**OUT  
IN**

*"The child broke out in a rash after touching the plant."*

**break up**  
disperse a group / become inaudible

**UP**

*"Police had to break up the fight at the bar."*

*"The call is breaking up, let me try calling again."*

**break away**  
end a habit / escape a group or control

**AWAY**

*"A couple of tourists broke away from the pack."*

*"She broke away from her old routine."*

**break (someone) in**  
gradually train/prepare someone

**IN**

*"The coach is trying to break the rookies in."*

**break with**  
end association or tradition

**WITH**

*"He has broken with his political party."*

**break off**  
end a relationship

**OFF**

*"They broke off the engagement amicably."*

**break through**  
overcome an obstacle

**THROUGH**

*"Scientists broke through a major barrier towards the cure of cancer."*