

# Phrasal Verbs 101: Lesson 3

Common phrasal verbs, with meanings and examples. Phrasal verbs are usually two-word phrases consisting of **verb + adverb** or **verb + preposition**. Think of them as you would any other English vocabulary. Study them as you come across them, rather than trying to memorize many at once.



“Fifth robbery this week. That’s not a security camera – a local TV news station installed it to save time.”



*“But you can’t break up with me! I just bought a domain name with both our names in it.”*

Verb	Meaning	Example
<b>break in</b>	force entry to a building	Somebody <b>broke in</b> last night and stole our stereo.
<b>break into something</b>	enter forcibly	The firemen had to <b>break into</b> the room to rescue the children.

<b>break something in</b>	wear something a few times so that it doesn't look/feel new	I need to <b>break</b> these shoes <b>in</b> before we run next week.
<b>break in</b>	interrupt	The TV station <b>broke in</b> to report the news of the president's death.
<b>break up</b>	end a relationship	My boyfriend and I <b>broke up</b> before I moved to America.
<b>break up</b>	start laughing (informal)	The kids just <b>broke up</b> as soon as the clown started talking.