

## Lesson 3: Multiple meanings of BREAK

### Exercise 1:

Complete each sentence with the correct expression. Careful – three aren't used!

<b>big break</b>	<b>break the habit</b>	<b>breaks a promise</b>	<b>storm broke</b>
<b>break a 50</b>	<b>break the news</b>	<b>breaks my heart</b>	<b>story broke</b>
<b>break free from</b>	<b>break the power</b>	<b>broken</b>	<b>take a break</b>
<b>break my resolve</b>	<b>break the silence</b>	<b>made a break for</b>	<b>voice broke</b>
<b>break of dawn</b>	<b>break the TV</b>	<b>make a clean break</b>	<b>water break</b>

- After a very intense first year of college, I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ so I took a semester off.
- As soon as the 3-hour meeting was over, I \_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom.
- Her \_\_\_\_\_ as she expressed deep gratitude to all the people who had believed in her and helped her succeed.
- I don't try to stay friends with my ex-boyfriends; I prefer to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The factory tried to hide the enormous amount of pollution it was generating, but there were lots of protests after the \_\_\_\_\_.
- If someone \_\_\_\_\_ to me, I have a very hard time trusting them again.
- I'm determined to lose weight, so I never buy cookies because seeing them in the house would \_\_\_\_\_.
- My parents always put a lot of pressure on me; it took me a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ their expectations.

9. Sorry, we can't \_\_\_\_\_. But you could pay by credit card.
10. Stop throwing that football around the living room - you might \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The doctor had to \_\_\_\_\_ to the patient that he would most likely never walk again.
12. He worked in low-paying journalism jobs for many years, and his \_\_\_\_\_ came when he got hired by the BBC.
13. The soccer coach called for a \_\_\_\_\_ after 30 minutes of practice.
14. Ugh, chewing on your nails is so gross. You really need to \_\_\_\_\_.
15. When we go camping, the birds always wake me up at the \_\_\_\_\_.
16. I raised my son to be an honest person, but he was arrested for stealing from his company. It \_\_\_\_\_.
17. This video camera is \_\_\_\_\_ - it's recording video, but no sound.

## Exercise 2:

Complete each sentence with the correct expression. Careful, two are not used!

<b>breakthrough</b>	<b>broke out</b>	<b>didn't break the bank</b>
<b>broke away</b>	<b>broke rank</b>	<b>gave me a break</b>
<b>broke down</b>	<b>broke up</b>	<b>was broke</b>
<b>broke into</b>		

1. I was having a hard time concentrating at work while my mother was in the hospital, so my boss \_\_\_\_\_ and let me take the week off.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ with her fiancé after catching him kissing another woman.
3. My son had a fever for two days, and then I called the pediatrician when a rash \_\_\_\_\_ on his chest.
4. Sarah was raised in a very religious family, in which no one ever questioned the traditions or \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I'm so happy with this guitar I got. It's well-made, it has a great sound, and it \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ my car and stole my wallet last night.
7. The discovery of these artifacts was a real \_\_\_\_\_ in understanding the ancient Chinese culture.
8. I was working 80 hours a week for months on end - eventually I \_\_\_\_\_ because I couldn't take it anymore.

## Answers – Exercise 1:

1. take a break
2. made a break for
3. voice broke
4. make a clean break
5. story broke
6. breaks a promise
7. break my resolve
8. break free from
9. break a 50
10. break the TV
11. break the news
12. big break
13. water break
14. break the habit
15. break of dawn
16. breaks my heart
17. broken

## Answers – Exercise 2:

1. gave me a break
2. broke up
3. broke out
4. broke rank
5. didn't break the bank
6. broke into
7. breakthrough
8. broke down