

PHRASAL VERBS

I. Break – can you guess its meaning in context ?

- a) My computer just **broke down**! *tomber en panne*
b) A war is likely to **break out** between Armenia and Azerbaijan. *éclater*
c) Prisoners rarely manage to **break out** of jail. *s'évader*
d) An attack **broke off** the truce that existed between the two countries. *rompre, mettre fin à*
e) Be careful while you drive in the mountains, some rocks might **break off** and fall down onto the road.
f) The police caught the thief the day after he **broke in**. *s'effriter, se briser* f) *cambríoler*
g) Depending on time and number of participants, people can **break into** smaller groups to discuss one or more topics. *se répartir*
h) Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt **broke up** last summer. *rompre, se séparer*
i) This big project needs to be **broken up** into smaller parts. *morceler, diviser* j) *percer, enfoncer, briser*
j) If you want to be truly innovative, you have to take risks and **break through** conventions and old habits.

II. Try to guess their meaning

To call off (a meeting) <i>annuler</i> To turn off (a device) <i>éteindre</i> To back off <i>arrêter, faire marche arrière</i> To pay off (a debt) <i>régler une dette</i> To carry on (doing something) <i>poursuivre</i> To go on (with something) <i>continuer</i> To hang on <i>s'accrocher</i> To try on (clothes) <i>essayer</i> To cut down (expenses) <i>réduire</i> To turn down (the volume // an offer) <i>baisser, refuser</i> To back down (on a decision) <i>reculer, changer d'avis</i> To look down (on someone) <i>mépriser, snober</i> To narrow down (possibilities) <i>réduire, affiner</i> To fill in (papers) <i>remplir</i> To clean out (something) <i>nettoyer</i> To empty out (something) <i>vider</i> To look / watch out <i>faire attention</i> To check in / out (somewhere) <i>s'enregistrer/partir</i> To sign in (online) <i>se connecter</i> To look into (something) <i>examiner</i> To turn into (something) <i>se transformer en</i> To look over (a lesson) <i>réviser</i> To think over (a problem) <i>bien réfléchir, examiner</i> To run over (something / someone) <i>écraser</i>	To give back (something) <i>rendre</i> To pay back (someone) <i>rembourser</i> To call back (someone) <i>rappeler</i> To cut back (something) <i>retirer, ôter</i> To hold back (something / someone) <i>retenir</i> To ask around (a question) <i>demander</i> To get around (something) <i>contourner</i> To stick around (somewhere) <i>rester</i> To turn around <i>se retourner</i> To come across (someone) <i>rencontrer</i> To come along (with someone) <i>accompagner</i> To get along (with someone) <i>bien s'entendre</i> To come forward <i>s'avancer, se présenter</i> To look forward (to something) <i>avoir hâte à</i> To keep away (from sthg / s.o) <i>garder à l'écart</i> To run away (from something / somewhere) <i>fuir</i> To pick up (something) <i>ramasser</i> To back up (somebody) <i>soutenir, assurer les arrières</i> To blow up (something) <i>exploser</i> To catch up (someone / something) <i>rattraper</i> To pile up (books) <i>empiler</i> To zip up (clothes) <i>fermer (fermeture éclair)</i>
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