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Hello everyone this is Brooks Gillespie again, in Omaha, Nebraska, your guru for all things phrasal verbs. And today, we're going to discuss phrasal verbs having to do with the verb 'break'. To break, you know, like break something apart. The three phrasal verbs we are going to discuss today are 'break out', 'break into' and 'break up'. And I've prepared several sentences to give you examples of the different ways that we use these different phrasal verbs. And we're going to start out, we're going to break out with the first of these verbs which is 'break out'. There are a couple of ways we use this, this phrasal verb. The first one, the first way is when some - when something breaks out it kind of, it starts and it proliferates and it grows and is spreads. The first very unfortunate and uncomfortable example is this sentence:

A terrible rash broke out all over his body.

In this case, 'break out' means it just spread everywhere. The rash broke out over his body. Another example is, um, something I saw in the news today - I pay a lot of attention to what's going on in Brazil and this sentence has to do with the news out of Brazil today.

Anti-government protests broke out all over Brazil today.

They spread, they - I think there were 22 states that had protests in the streets. I think Av. Paulista was filled with people today. Here's another example of something breaking out - something appearing suddenly and violently.

Fighting broke out yesterday at the Soccer match between fans of the opposing teams.

So in these three examples we see 'break out' as being the, something starting, occurring, proliferating, growing, spreading. Now, there's one other way we can use the verb 'break out'. And we have to throw in the word 'of'. To break out of something. It means to escape. To figure out a

way how to get out of something. And the first example I came up with was:

A convicted serial killer broke out of the state penitentiary today.

In this case we can also use 'break out' as one word. When this occurs we call it a 'breakout'. There was a breakout at the local jail. Another way that we can use 'break out of' is more, not so literal.

I decided to break out of my conventional lifestyle and start travelling throughout Latin America.

So in this sense, breakout means to like um, escape the monotony or convention of a particular situation.

Alright, so moving on now to the next 'to break into' and 'break up' and 'break into' tends to more be the starting of something and 'break up' tends to be more of an end to something. So I'll give you the examples that I came up with for 'break into'.

A thief broke into my apartment and stole my computer.

He broke into the apartment.

Early in life Luan Santana was able to break into the Brazilian music industry.

So in this case, there was a barrier and Luan Santana was able to cross that barrier to break into the industry. 'Break into' can also mean to interrupt. And this happens, I have four kids, so this happens to me.

I always hate when my kids break into my phone conversations.

I'm on the phone and some kid comes over and breaks into it by announcing something or saying something. And, there's one last way we can use 'break into' that is kind of fun, it's when you break into song or break into laughter, if you start to laugh suddenly, you break into laughter. And I was thinking today about my grandmother, and here's the sentence I wrote:

My grandma was always breaking into a song.

And she was one of those ladies that no matter what the occasion, there was a song for the occasion. I remember when I was a little kid, whenever she would come over to my house on my birthday and she would see me, she would break into song. And it was always 'you are my sunshine'. *You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.* She would break into that song every time she saw any of her grandkids on their birthday. And I'm kind of the same way. I often break into song when I'm talking to my kids. They think it's very weird but I take after my Grandma in that way.

Now the final verb we're going to discuss is 'break up' and like I said this is more of an ending or a dissolution of something that existed before. Um, imagine clouds in the sky and the clouds start to break up. They start to open up and the sun starts to shine through. The sentence I came up with here was:

After the clouds broke up, the sun started to shine again.

After the meeting broke up, we all went out to a Pizzeria for dinner.

So breaking up can be, you know like clouds are dispersing, when, when a bunch of people are together and it comes to an end. When everyone starts to spread apart, they are breaking up the meeting. Breaking up the gathering. And the final way that we use 'break up' is when a relationship, normally a romantic or a dating or a marriage relationship comes to an end. We call that a 'breakup' which of course is a noun but the verb for what's happening during a breakup is to break up. For example:

After two years of dating, I broke up with my girlfriend.

Or this sentence:

The world was scandalized when Prince Charles broke up with Princess Diana.

So there you have it, different example of phrasal verbs with the verb 'to break' and, I hate to do this but I think I'm going to have to break up our

little conversation here. It's always been a pleasure chatting with you.
Have a great day!