

Verb	Meaning	Example
block off	To separate using a barrier.	The police blocked off the street after the explosion.
blow up	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To explode 2. To get angry 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tommy blew up the red balloon. 2. Don't blow up at me. It's not my fault.
boil down to	To be summarized as	It all boils down to who has more power.
boot up	To start a computer by loading an operating system or program	You need to boot up your computer before you begin to work.
break away	To separate from a crowd	One of the wolves broke away from his pack.
break down	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To go out of order, cease to function 2. To lose control of one's emotions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The washing machine broke down so we had to call in the repair technician. 2. John broke down when he heard the news.
break into	To enter by force	Burglars broke into my car last night.
break out	To start suddenly	Rioting broke out after the government raised the fuel prices again.
break out of	To escape from a place by force	Several prisoners broke out of jail.
break up	To come to an end (marriage, relationship)	She broke up with Daniel after dating him for five years.
bring up	To raise (a child)	Sara is bringing up her children by herself.
brush up on	To improve, refresh one's knowledge of something	I must brush up on my French before going to Paris next month.
bump into	To meet by chance or unexpectedly	I bumped into Adam at the bank. He says "hello".
burn out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stop (something) working 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The light bulb burnt out. Please change it.