

Phrases with BREAK

Break UP:

***to separate, to end a**

relationship: -They couldn't stand each other. They've just broken up.

***to go on a school holiday :**

-When do the schools break up in December?

***that cannot be heard any more (voice when calling**

someone): -Sorry, I can't hear you, you're breaking up!

***breaking into pieces and in this way permanently break:**

She broke the vase with a baseball bat.

Break DOWN:

*** (break down in tears) to**

suddenly start crying: She couldn't take it anymore so she broke down in tears.

***to reduce to smaller parts in**

order to analyse: Susan has broken down her favourite doll to see what it is made of.

*** to stop working**: Sorry I'm late. My car has broken down.

***someone's resistance (to**

overcome it): Parents should know how to break down their child's barriers.

