



BREAK DOWN

To stop functioning
(vehicle / machine)



I'm very sorry that your car broke down.



BREAK DOWN

To cry (to become very upset and start crying)



The woman broke down when the police told her that her son had died.



BREAK INTO

To interrupt

(A conversation)



I am sorry to break into your conversation, but there's a problem.



BREAK OUT

To escape



They are breaking out of jail.



BREAK OUT

To **START**If a fire,
war, disease, etc. breaks out,
it starts suddenly.



The fire will break out and destroy
everything in its way.



BREAK UP

To end a relationship



My boyfriend and I broke up before I moved to America.



BREAK IN

To get into a building using force, usually to steal something

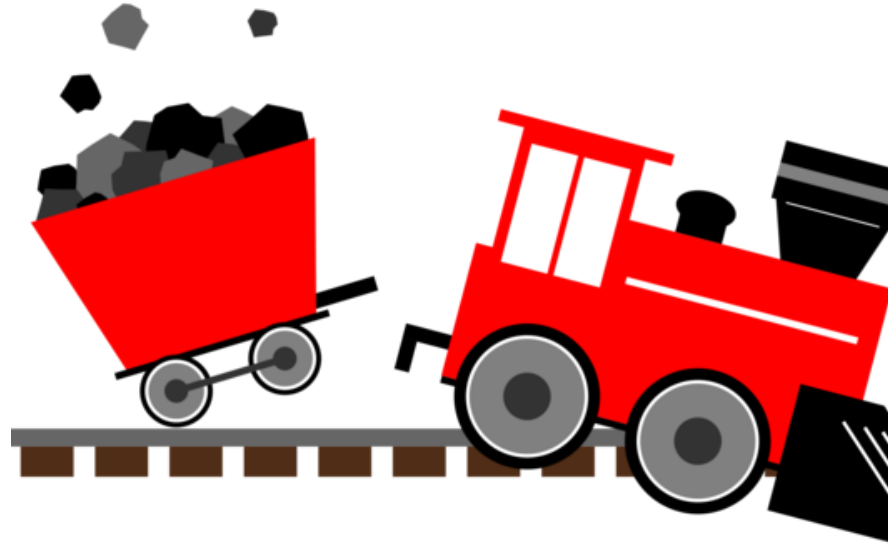


The burglar tried to break in through the balcony.



BREAK OFF

To separate a part
from a larger piece



The back section of the train has
broken off.