

Synopsis

What would you do if you found out you only had a few months to live, were about to have a child, and had unresolved debts?

Faced with this situation, Walter White, a chemistry teacher, decides to secretly manufacture methamphetamine to earn as much money as possible in a short time and leave it to his family before he dies.

Season Summary

Many still wonder how many seasons *Breaking Bad* has. Although die-hard fans hoped for a sixth season, *Breaking Bad* consists of 62 episodes divided into 5 seasons.

Throughout the series, both the protagonist and his main goal evolve. How did it all begin? How did it end?

Season 1: From Walter White to Heisenberg

After turning 50, Walter White finds out he has terminal cancer. One day, he runs into his former student Jesse Pinkman while accompanying his brother-in-law Hank Schrader, a DEA agent, on a police raid.

Walter decides to team up with Jesse to produce meth, a seemingly easy business that will bring in lots of money to support his family. They begin by cooking crystal meth in a motorhome in the middle of the Albuquerque desert.

Eventually, Walter's first experience as a drug dealer ends in murder, and he decides to step away from that world. However, his refusal to ask family and friends for financial help pushes him back into the business. This time, he adopts the alias "Heisenberg" and partners with Tuco, a dangerous distributor.

Season 2: Walter White's Double Life Exposed

Tuco kidnaps Jesse and Walter and holds them in the house of his uncle Héctor Salamanca, a criminal now in a wheelchair. They manage to escape, and Tuco is shot and killed by Hank Schrader.

Jesse relapses into drug use when he falls in love with Jane, a heroin addict. With his business at risk, Walter hires lawyer Saul Goodman.

Meanwhile, a new client appears: Gus Fring, owner of a fast-food chain, who offers Walter a large sum for his meth production. Walter's involvement with Gus causes him to miss the birth of his daughter.

Walter finds out Jesse is using drugs again and takes part of his money. Later, he lets Jane die from an overdose while she's unconscious next to Jesse.

Eventually, Walter's wife Skyler discovers his secret life. Meanwhile, Jane's father, an air traffic controller, causes two planes to crash due to the trauma from her death.

Season 3: Life-Threatening Danger

Walter tries to save his marriage and quits the meth business, but Skyler asks for a

divorce.

Gus is determined to bring Walter back and offers him a deal: three months of work in a hidden lab with a new assistant, Gale, in exchange for a huge sum. Jesse starts cooking meth on his own, prompting Hank to track him, which jeopardizes Walter's operation. To avoid this, Walter brings Jesse into the lab. Tuco's cousins seek revenge and shoot Hank, leaving him severely injured. Jesse soon gets into trouble and angers Gus. Walter asks Jesse to kill Gale in order to save their lives and gain leverage over Gus.

Season 4: The Business in Danger

Jesse kills Gale. His friendship with Walter deteriorates. Hank investigates Gale's murder and links it to Gus, suspecting him to be a major drug dealer. Later, Gus finds out Hank is Walter's brother-in-law and decides to cut ties with Walter.

Gus becomes a target for Walter and Jesse, who plot to kill him with the help of Héctor Salamanca. In the end, they succeed and destroy the lab.

Season 5: The Fall of Heisenberg

Walter and Jesse try to destroy evidence that could link them to Gus. This includes destroying a computer now in police hands.

They partner with Mike, Gus's former right-hand man, to continue the drug trade. This time, they use a fumigation company as cover, cooking meth inside houses being fumigated.

Later, Hank discovers Heisenberg's true identity, and Jesse agrees to help capture him.

Eventually, Hank is killed. Walter plans to retire, but first wants to secure his family's financial future—despite their rejection of him.

In the end, Walter White dies, and Jesse manages to escape.

What does “Breaking Bad” mean?

The choice of the title *Breaking Bad* offers a clue to the show's theme. The expression “breaking bad” is a colloquial idiom meaning to go down a wrong or criminal path.

Just like in the series, everything is in constant transformation, full of twists and on a path of moral decay. But the title is just the surface of a much more complex story.

So what makes this series one of the best in television history?