

Senses of break

Sense: To take a break

Example: Sybil took a break from her homework.

- Wordsense matches
Synset('pause.v.02') cease an action temporarily

Sense: to nullify

Example: Steve broke his promise to mike

- Wordsense matches
Synset('violate.v.01') fail to agree with; be in violation of; as of rules or patterns

Sense: To end something

Example: I broke the silence

- WordSense matches
Synset('break.v.23') come to an end

Sense: To break out, begin

Example: All hell broke loose

- WordSense matches
Synset('break.v.09') force out or release suddenly and often violently something pent up

Sense: To stop working

Example: Her computer broke

- WordSense matches:
Synset('break.v.04') ruin completely
Synset('break.v.03') render inoperable or ineffective

Part C

I think all of my examples save for the second to last one (i.e. to break out) have the meta-sense of ending, even if it's in the metaphorical sense (e.g. when one breaks a promise one is also putting an end to it). I think to break out false under the metasense that break has of movement through (e.g. break out, break through).

Code and results

Code for generating some nltk results

```
from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
syns = wn.synsets('break','v')
for s in syns:
    print s
    print s.definition()
    print
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