

## 8.8

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### **ask around**

*ask many people the same question*

I asked around but nobody has seen my wallet.

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### **add up to sth**

*equal*

Your purchases add up to \$205.32.

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### **back sth up**

*reverse*

You'll have to back up your car so that I can get out.

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### **back sb up**

*support*

My wife back me up over my decision to quit my job.

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### **blow up**

*explode*

The racing car blew up after it crashed into the fence.

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### **blow sth up**

*add air*

We have to blow 50 balloons up for the party.

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### **break down**

*stop functioning(vehicle,machine)*

Our car broke down at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.

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### **break down**

*get upset*

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

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### **break sth down**

*divide into smaller parts*

Our teacher broke the final project down into three separate parts.

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### **break in**

*force entry to a building*

Somebody broke in laset night and stole our stereo.

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**break into sth***enter forcibly*

The firmen had to break into the room to rescue the children.

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**break sth in***wear sth a few times so that it doesn't look/feel new*

I need to break these shoes in before we run next week.

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**break in***interrupt*

The TV station broke in to report the news of the president's death.

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**break up***end a friendship*

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

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**break up***start laughing(informal)*

The kids just broke up as soon as the clown started talking.

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**break out***escape*

The prisoners broke out of jail when the guards weren't looking.

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**break out in sth***develop a skin condition*

I broke out in a rash after our camping trip.

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**bring sb down***make unhappy*

This sad music is bringing me down.

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**bring sth up***start talking about a subject*

My mother walks out of the room when my father brings up sports.

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**bring sth up***vomit*

He drank so much that he brought his dinner up in the toilet.

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**call around**

*phone many different places/peoples*

We called around but we weren't able to find the car part we needed.

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**call sb back**

*return a phone call*

I called the company back but the offices were closed for the weekend.

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## 8.10

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**obligation**

*moral or legal duty to do sth*

The new law release employers from their obligation to recognize unions.

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**emergency**

*unexpected situation that must be deal with immediately*

The goverment had to take emergency action.

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**wear sb out**

*make sb feel extremely tired*

Machine soon wear out under rough usage.

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**overtime**

*extra hour that sb work beyond the minium requirement*

The union plans to raise the issue of overtime.

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**typical**

*having the usual features or qualities of a particular classification*

It was typical family entertainment.

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## 8.12

**pursue**

*continue in order to accmplish some goal*

She wishes to pursue a medical carrer.

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**evade**

*[ɪ'veɪd]*

*avoid*

She is trying to evade all the responsibility for her behaviour.

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**in terms of**

*concerning about*

The data is limited in terms of both quality and quantity.

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**despise**

*hate sb or sth*

He despise himself for being so cowardly.

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**eternal**

*[ɪˈtɜːrnl]*

*continuing forever or for a very long time*

She is an eternal optimist.

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**preserve**

*keep*

He is anxious to preserve his reputation.

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**integrity**

*honesty; soundness of moral quality*

I have always regarded him as a man of integrity.

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**diploma**

*[diˈplɒmə]*

*official paper showing that a student has successfully completed an educational program, esp. high school or college*

She is taking a diploma in management studies.