

# 1. How was the Break?



## Useful words and expressions

*First, look at each item. Then write an **O** in the box if you know the meaning or an **X** if you don't. Next, highlight all the **X** items in the example conversations. Try to understand the highlighted items by listening to the conversations. After listening, if you still don't understand, use your dictionary and note the definitions.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> It's been... | <input type="checkbox"/> running into you         | <input type="checkbox"/> That's about it for...                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> my grandpa   | <input type="checkbox"/> See you around.          | <input type="checkbox"/> pretty much enjoyed myself              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not well     | <input type="checkbox"/> First, um...             | <input type="checkbox"/> greenery                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a good visit | <input type="checkbox"/> ...I mean, sorry...      | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>  x  </u> is famous for <u>  y  </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yup          | <input type="checkbox"/> the reason why...        | <input type="checkbox"/> That's true.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> actually     | <input type="checkbox"/> the second reason why... | <input type="checkbox"/> too isolated                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> tacos and fajitas        | <input type="checkbox"/> if you were to compare                  |
|                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> hot stuff                |  |

# 1. How was the Break? – Example Conversation 1

## I. Greeting

1. Cheryl Hey, Leslie. It's good to see you. It's been a long time!
2. Leslie Yeah, it has Cheryl.

## II. Small Talk

3. Leslie How are you?
4. Cheryl I'm doing really good. How about you?
5. Leslie Ah, yeah. I'm good too.

## III. Introducing the Topic

6. Cheryl Mm. Did you have a good break?
7. Leslie Yeah, a really good break. I went home to Canada.
8. Cheryl Ah, where did you go in Canada?
9. Leslie Ah, I went to Vancouver and Toronto.
10. Cheryl Oh. Wha... Who did you see?
11. Leslie I visited my brother in Vancouver and my grandpa is not well, so I had to go to Toronto to see him. *using longer sentences*
12. Cheryl Hmm, that's too bad. I am sorry to hear that. Did you have a good visit, though?
13. Leslie Yeah. Yup, it was really good.
14. Cheryl Hm, good. I'm glad.

## IV. Reintroducing the Topic

15. Leslie Good, what did you do?
16. Cheryl Well, actually I went to England and to Canada.
17. Leslie Wow. Both countries?
18. Cheryl Uh-hm. Yeah I was really lucky, I did a lot of traveling this summer.
19. Leslie Hmm, why two countries?
20. Cheryl Um, well, actually my brother ~~is marrying~~ **married** a girl from England, so we had two wedding celebrations, one in Canada and one in England. *using longer sentences*
21. Leslie Ah, they're lucky.
22. Cheryl Um-hm. Yup. Really lucky.

## V. Finishing

23. Cheryl Oh, hey. Anyway Les, I have to go get ready for class, but it was great running into you again.
24. Leslie Yeah, it was nice seeing you.
25. Cheryl Okay, take care. See you around.
26. Leslie Okay, bye.

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### Did you get it?

*Choose the correct answer.*

Q. Where did Leslie go during the break?

- She went home to Canada.
- She went to England.

## 1. How was the Break? – Example Conversation 2

### I. Greeting

1. Kaori Hi, Hiromi! Long time, no ~~seen~~ see! How are you?
2. Hiromi Hi, I'm fine. It's been a really long time...
3. Kaori I know.

### II. Small Talk <none>

### III. Introducing the Topic

4. Kaori How was your summer break?
5. Hiromi Um, it was great.
6. Kaori So, how great you...?
7. Hiromi Okay, I'll tell you. First, um, I went to Cancun. Cancun is...
8. Kaori Where is Cancun?
9. Hiromi ...is, um, part of, it's part of Mexico.
10. Kaori Uh-huh.
11. Hiromi **An** island of Mexico.
12. Kaori Uh-huh.
13. Hiromi And I went with my friend, uh, I mean, sorry, with my family. And, um, the reason why I liked Cancun was because the beach was great. using longer sentences
14. Kaori Cool, you like ~~beach~~ **going to the beach**?
15. Hiromi Yes. I love to swim and I love to, um, go play on the beach, yes, and, um, the second reason why I liked Cancun was because the

food was great. They had tropical fruit, um, Mexican food... *using longer sentences*

16. Kaori Yeah, I know tacos.
17. Hiromi Uh-huh, tacos, yes.
18. Kaori Did you eat tacos?
19. Hiromi Yes, of course, tacos and fajitas.
20. Kaori Uh-huh. Was is different from when you eat **the** tacos **in the** US... I mean America... and tacos in Mexico...
21. Hiromi Actually in Mexico.
22. Kaori Which was better?
23. Hiromi Mexico. They had, um, more hot stuff there.
24. Kaori Uh-huh, uh-huh.
25. Hiromi So, I liked Mexican food in Mexico.
26. Kaori Oh, yeah.
27. Hiromi Yes. Um, I also went shopping.
28. Kaori Uh-huh.
29. Hiromi Of course.
30. Kaori Of course!
31. Hiromi Yes, lots of **shoppings shopping**. That's about it for Mexico. I went there about a week, for a week, so I, I pretty much enjoyed myself there. *using longer sentences*
32. Kaori Yes.

#### IV. Reintroducing the Topic

33. Hiromi Um. Well, what about you? Did you do anything this summer?
34. Kaori Uh-huh. Yeah, it was fun... very much. I went to Chicago this summer.
35. Hiromi Oh, really?
36. Kaori Yeah...
37. Hiromi Wow. How was it?
38. Kaori Yeah, it was great. Yes, it... ~~the, the~~ Chicago, you know, is a very big city...
39. Hiromi Right.
40. Kaori ...and it's got, um, a pretty sea too.
41. Hiromi Oh really? They have a sea?
42. Kaori Yeah.

43. Hiromi Oh, they do? I thought the city was only for shopping.
44. Kaori Um. No. That was really pretty.
45. Hiromi Uh-huh.
46. Kaori There was a lot of **green greenery** and the nature was very pretty.
47. Hiromi Wow.
48. Kaori And of course ~~the~~ **it's a** very big city and **has** tall buildings. But that excited me a lot. I really liked that situation and... *using longer*
- sentences*
49. Hiromi Did you, so you shopped a lot too...
50. Kaori Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Yes.
51. Hiromi Wow. Was it cold?
52. Kaori Un-un. Not really.
53. Hiromi Not cold?
54. Kaori Because it's summer.
55. Hiromi Summer.
56. Kaori And the pizza was really good.
57. Hiromi Pizza?
58. Kaori Yeah!
59. Hiromi Oh, really?
60. Kaori Chicago is famous for pizza, you know.
61. Hiromi Oh that's right, so...
62. Kaori Uh-huh. So it was really good.
63. Hiromi Was it expensive there, though?
64. Kaori Um, not really.
65. Hiromi Oh.
66. Kaori It isn't... it ~~doesn't have~~ **isn't** any different.
67. Hiromi Oh.
68. Kaori Of course it's...cheaper than Japan.
69. Hiromi Cheaper than Japan.
70. Kaori Yeah, of course.
71. Hiromi That's true.
72. Kaori Yes. And I went to Virginia too.
73. Hiromi Oh, really?
74. Kaori Yes.

75. Hiromi Virginia. How was it? Isn't it different from Chicago?
76. Kaori Uh-huh, yes. It's part of south... Yeah, ~~South America...~~ **the Southern States.**
77. Hiromi Ah-huh.
78. Kaori Um, I don't know...
79. Hiromi It's around...
80. Kaori Yeah. And I, um, I thought ~~the~~ Virginia **is was** too isolated and...
81. Hiromi Isolated?
82. Kaori Yeah. So, I, I don't know. I just, I didn't fit ~~that place in there~~ so...
83. Hiromi So, if you were to compare Chicago and Virginia, you liked Chicago better than...
84. Kaori Of course, yes. Yeah. But the people were very kind there. You know, very nice people were there...
85. Hiromi Were they, were, do... Were there a lot of, um... Were there a lot of, um, old people there?
86. Kaori Yes.
87. Hiromi ~~Country people~~ **People from the countryside?**
88. Kaori Yes. They, they have farms.
89. Hiromi Oh, really.
90. Kaori Cows and horses.
91. Hiromi Cows?
92. Kaori Yeah. They have **an** apple festival.
93. Hiromi Oh, they do?
94. Kaori Yeah.
95. Hiromi Apple cider.
96. Kaori Yeah. And apple sauce!
97. Hiromi Apple sauce, too.
98. Kaori That was good.
99. Hiromi That's nice. Great so, you wanna... You wanted to go to...
100. Kaori I want...
101. Hiromi Paris, too. Right?
102. Kaori Yeah, sure. There's a lot of art, art, artistic stuff.
103. Hiromi Artistic stuff?
104. Kaori Yeah, I like art. And I'm planning to go to France, France or England, to study ~~the~~ art, design. using longer sentences

105. Hiromi Design?
106. Kaori Yeah, so...
107. Hiromi Oh, really. That's, that's awesome.
108. Kaori Um-huh. I really want to go. I like fashion, too. That's awesome.
109. Hiromi I always...
110. Kaori We should go together then.
111. Hiromi That's, that's great! You want to go ~~to~~ see the Milano fashion...collection?
112. Kaori Yes. Let's go **to** Milano and then go **to** Paris.
113. Hiromi Okay.
114. Kaori So, where's the money?
115. Hiromi Where's the money?

#### V. Finishing

116. Kaori Yeah, that's okay. We gotta go.
117. Hiromi We gotta go.
118. Kaori Yeah.
119. Hiromi Nice talking to you.
120. Kaori Nice talking to you.
121. Hiromi See ya.
122. Kaori See ya later.

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### Did you get it?

*Choose the correct answer.*

Did Hiromi enjoy Cancun?

- Yes, she loved the food and the beaches.
- No, she didn't.

Kaori wants to go to France or England because...

- ...they have farms, cows and horses, and apple cider.
- ...she likes art and wants to study art and design.

How about you?

Did you go anywhere this summer?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yeah, I went to \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I stayed home, but I \_\_\_\_\_.

## 1. How was the Break? – Conversation Strategies

# USING LONGER SENTENCES

**Using longer sentences** is a great way to make your conversation more natural. When you have lots of things you'd like to tell your partner, using just a few words makes it hard to say what you want to say. Try putting your ideas together using “joining” words.

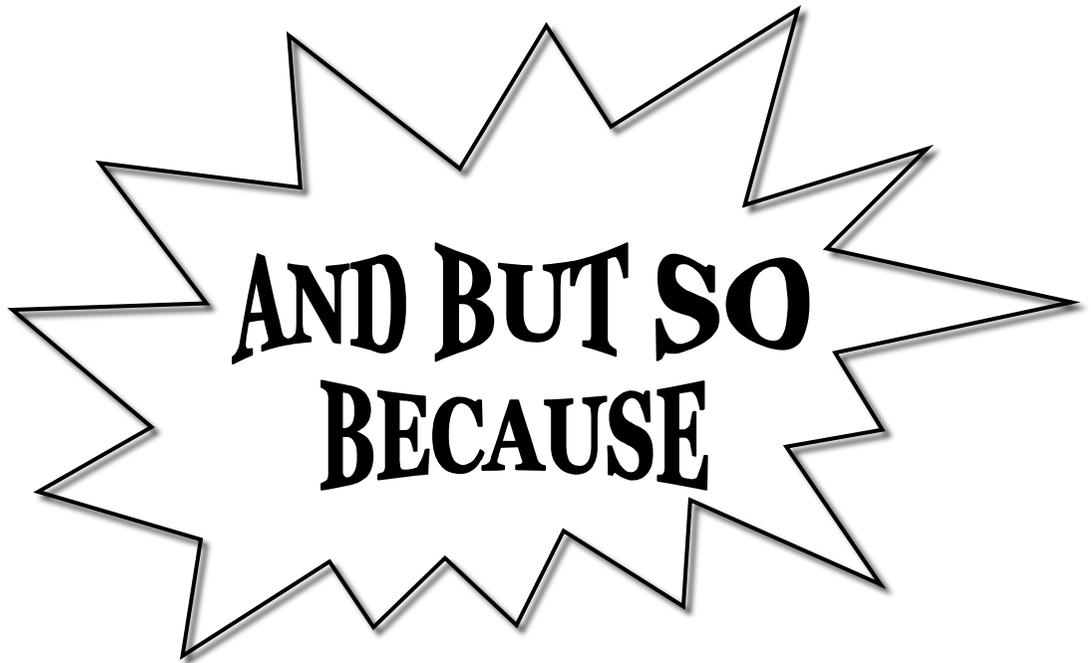
### *Without using joining words* ☹

1. Hiroyuki I went to the beach.
2. Sadoka Oh, really?
3. Hiroyuki Yes. Five times.
4. Sadoka Uh-hum.
5. Hiroyuki Swimming.
6. Sadoka And anything else?
7. Hiroyuki Surfing.
8. Sadoka Okay.
9. Hiroyuki Good time.
10. Sadoka Great! Who did you go with?

### *Using joining words* ☺

1. Hiroyuki I went to the beach five times this summer.
2. Sadoka Oh, really?
3. Hiroyuki I had a good time swimming *and* I tried surfing.
4. Sadoka Okay. How was it?
5. Hiroyuki Well, I fell off a lot *but* I got a dark tan.
6. Sadoka Great! Who did you go with?

# JOINING WORDS



I went to Nagashima Spaland. I went three times this summer. I got to see fireworks there.	I went to Nagashima Spaland three times this summer, <i>and</i> I got to see some great fireworks there.
This summer I went to driving school. I didn't get my driver's license.	This summer I went to driving school, <i>but</i> I didn't get my driver's license.
The weather in Thailand was bad. My trip there wasn't so good.	The weather in Thailand was bad, <i>so</i> my trip there wasn't so good.
My summer holiday was boring. I had to work almost every day.	My summer holiday was boring <i>because</i> I had to work almost everyday.

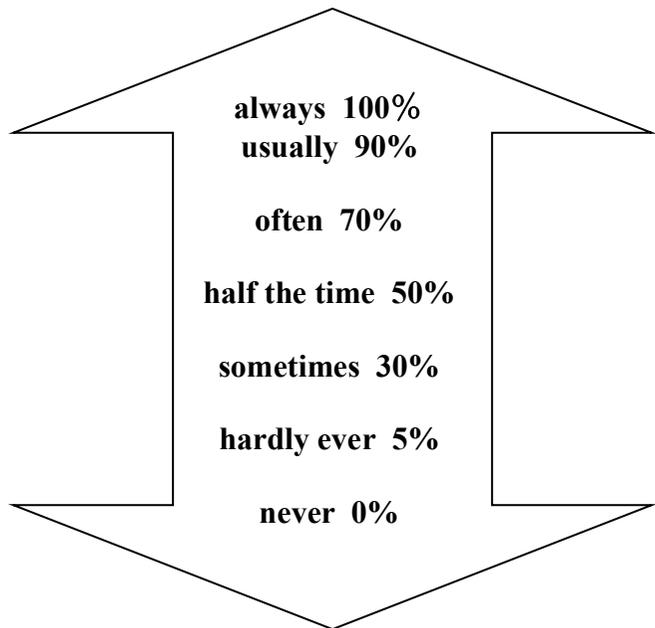
## 1. How was the Break? - Helpful Hints

After a break from school it is always nice to see your friends again, not only to say “hi” but to also talk about what you did during the holiday.

- 1) To make this card, think about **3** highlights from your holiday.
- 2) Write notes about **what** you did, **who** you did it with, **where** and **when** you did it, **how** it made you feel, and **why** you wanted to do that.
- 3) Use pictures and/or words to explain these highlights. Write some words you think you will need to talk about your holiday with your partners.

# FREQUENCY WORDS

You can also use frequency words when you talk about the break. Was there something you did regularly, like you often went to the beach? Or how about something you didn't get to do, like you never got to go to Nagashima Spaland?



# HAD TO / GOT TO

When talking about something we did in the past, we often use “*had to*” and “*got to*.” These expressions suggest different things. “*Had to*” suggests that you were obligated to do something that maybe you didn't want to, for example:

“I *had to* go to work everyday.”

“I *had to* go on vacation with my family instead of my friends.”

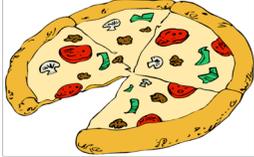
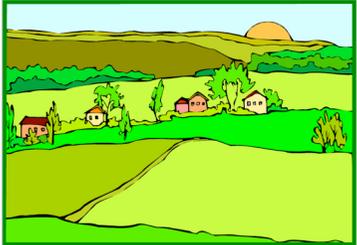
“*Got to*” suggests a feeling of thankfulness, that you think you were lucky to do something, for example:

“I *got to* see my girlfriend every single day.”

“I *got to* go to Tokyo Disneyland twice over the break.”

# 1. How was the Break? — Example Cards

<p><b>How was the Break?</b></p> <p><b>Travel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Went to England and Canada for my brother's wedding</li> <li>-Int'l wedding, so there were 2 ceremonies</li> <li>-lots of plane rides and photos!</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-So, did you have a good break?</li> <li>-Did you go anywhere?</li> <li>-Did you get to see your family?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Class</b> _____</p> <p><b>Name</b> - Cheryl</p> <p><b>Wedding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Got to see family</li> <li>-And celebrate twice!</li> <li>-Met many new people</li> <li>-Emotional</li> </ul>	<p><b>England</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-First time to go</li> <li>-Got to try local food</li> <li>-Eat roast dinners</li> <li>-British rock bands</li> <li>-Big Ben and the Tower of London</li> <li>-Met new family</li> </ul>
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<p><b>How was the Break?</b></p>   <p><b>NEW YORK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*went to a Mets game</li> <li>*went shopping</li> <li>*saw Times square</li> <li>*too expensive</li> <li>*want to go again</li> </ul>	<p><b>Class</b> ____ <b>Name</b> _____</p> <p><b>CHICAGO</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> *big city *lots of tall buildings *very warm weather</p> <p><b>What:</b> *lots of parks *famous for pizza and blues music *stayed in a hotel downtown</p> <p><b>How:</b> *was so excited and totally loved the big, busy city</p> <p><b>Who:</b> *best friend</p> <p><b>Why:</b> *sightseeing, improve English</p>	 <p><b>VIRGINIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*lots of farms</li> <li>*older population</li> <li>*lots of farm animals, like horses and cows</li> <li>*apple festival</li> <li>*too small and quiet</li> </ul>
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## 1. How was the Break? —Questions

Here are some questions you can ask during your conversation. Read these questions before class and try to think of how you would answer. Also, think of some questions to ask your partners.

1. So, how was your break?
2. What did you do?
3. What was your favorite part of your holiday?
4. Did you do anything exciting over the break?
5. Did you go anywhere?
6. Did you go abroad?
7. What else did you do?
8. Did you work?
9. How often did you work?

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**Your questions:**