BREAK UP

STUDY Read these sentences carefully.
• It’s always hard when a marriage breaks up, especially if there are children.
• After three albums, the band broke up in order to have solo careers.
• He’s just broken up with his girlfriend.
• ‘Why are you crying?’ ‘Chris thinks we should break up.’

CHECK Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

MEANING
Complete the meanings with a word or phrase from the brackets:
a) If a relationship breaks up, it ............................................ (is unhappy / comes to an end)
b) If people break up, they ............................................ (end a relationship / get divorced)

GRAMMAR
Which of these are grammatically possible?
a) They broke up.
b) He broke up.
c) He broke up with her.
d) The marriage broke up.

Now check your answers by looking at break up on p. 101.

PRACTISE
1 Complete the sentences with one of the subjects below, using each subject only once:
her marriage many bands she
a) ................................................................. broke up in 1985, leaving her to raise two children on her own.
b) ................................................................. break up because of personality clashes between members.
c) Pat was very depressed after ................................................................. broke up with John.

2 Answer the following question in two ways, using break up:
Are Mark and Liz still together?
No, ............................................................................................................
Yes, ............................................................................................................

Now check your answers by looking at break up on p. 101.

BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY

RELATED WORDS
noun: break-up (This noun is usually countable.)
He moved away after the break-up of his marriage.

SYNONYMS
Split up means the same as break up and is used in the same way:
Did you know Sue has split up with Jake?