

**Take it easy=be calm**

**Take a load off=get off one's feet**

**Take advantage=to use someone for your own benefit**

**Take a peep=have a look**

**Take attendance=find out who is attending**

**Take his pulse=feel his wrist to see if his heart is beating**

**Take a bow=accept credit**

**Fill in the blanks below with the idioms above.**

\_\_\_\_\_! You need to calm down.

\_\_\_\_\_ to see if she is still alive.

You must be tired. Sit down and \_\_\_\_\_.

The teacher will always \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of class. \_\_\_\_\_ at this cute baby picture.

Wonderful show. \_\_\_\_\_!

\_\_\_\_\_ of his absence to get your work done.

**Have at it=get started**

**Have had it=be exhausted or disgusted, ready to quit**

**Have it good=comfortable circumstances**

**Have it out=settle an issue**

**Have it in for=intend to harm because of a grudge**

**Have it coming=deserves**

John punched Alex last night. But Alex was being a jerk. He \_\_\_\_\_.

John told me he was going to punch Alex. I told him to \_\_\_\_\_.

I realize now that I \_\_\_\_\_ when I was living at home and my parents were paying all my bills.

I'm going to go home and \_\_\_\_\_ with my roommate. I'm tired of him borrowing my things without asking.

I \_\_\_\_\_ with my boss. He makes me work several hours of overtime each week and never pays me for it.

**Break away=leave suddenly**

**Break in=enter forcibly**

**Break even=an equal result**

**Break up=to separate**

**Break ground=begin a new construction project**

**Break the ice=to relax a tense social situation**

The police investigated the \_\_\_\_\_.

The city will \_\_\_\_\_ on a new convention center next week.

He paid for the tickets and I bought dinner. I think we \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm sorry I have to \_\_\_\_\_, but I have to pick my wife up at the airport.

Sam opens every meeting with a joke that \_\_\_\_\_ and makes people feel at ease.

**We have many idioms that begin with the verbs *take*, *have* and *break*. Use one of these verbs to fill in the blank of the phrase.**

\_\_\_\_\_ a leg

\_\_\_\_\_ a headache

_____ a window	_____ a break
_____ the law	_____ the world record
_____ a vacation	
_____ a heart	_____ heart
_____ a relationship	_____ a problem
_____ the news to him	_____ the rules
_____ a promise	_____ some time off
_____ a pill	_____ a nap
_____ the trouble to call	_____ the wind out of your sails
_____ pride in something	_____ egg on your face
_____ through	

**Use the past tense of take, have or break to fill in the blanks.**

1. The plane \_\_\_\_\_ off on time.
2. The children \_\_\_\_\_ apart the puzzle so they could work it again.
3. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ the law and now they have to pay for what they did.
4. John \_\_\_\_\_ my heart when he \_\_\_\_\_ the news that he had another girlfriend.
5. The children \_\_\_\_\_ their naps early today.
6. Jim \_\_\_\_\_ his promise that he would finish school.
7. My boss \_\_\_\_\_ steps to prevent people from stealing the office supplies.
8. Mary and Tom \_\_\_\_\_ up last year because he was unfaithful.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ it out with him when he came home late last night.
10. I wanted to help the homeless man, but I \_\_\_\_\_ nothing to spare for him.
11. The bank robbers \_\_\_\_\_ hostages, but they didn't harm them.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ the answer on the tip of my tongue, but now I can't remember it.
13. James and I \_\_\_\_\_ nothing in common.
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ down in tears when I told her Mother wouldn't be here for the baby's birth.
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ it badly when I explained I couldn't hire her now.