

:: Summary

This post explains the difference between the phrase “break in” as phrasal verb and “break-in” as a noun. As a phrasal verb, it means “to enter a building illegally, usually with the intention of stealing.” As a noun, it means “the illegal entrance of a building with the intention of stealing.”

:: Exercises

Translate the following sentences:

1. The boys planned to break in to the house and steal the money.

2. The break-in was not successful because the police stopped it.

3. If we try to break in to the White House, we will be arrested.

4. Breaking in to my neighbor’s house to steal his dog is stupid.

5. They had been planning the break-in for months.

:: Vocab words

stealing	roubar, roubando
thieves	ladrões
a hard time	dificuldade
turned on	ligadas
trespassing	trespassar

entering	entrar, entrando
illegally	ilegalmente
purpose	propósito
half	metade
staff	equipe

Answers: 1. Os garotos planejaram invadir a casa e roubar o dinheiro. 2. A invasão não foi bem sucedida porque a polícia interrompeu. 3. Se nós tentarmos entrar na Casa Branca, nós seremos presos. 4. Invadir a casa do meu vizinho para roubar o cachorro dele é estúpido/ burrice. 5. Eles estiveram planejando a invasão por meses.