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Sentences for Anki | Lesson 40

FRONT

Hopefully, I can break away from work for a few hours this afternoon and take a stroll in the park.

BACK

break away = to escape from a person, place, or situation.

So, in this case I'm at work and I want to break away from work, I want to leave work, escape from work.

FRONT

California is so much more liberal than the rest of the country that some people joke that the state should break away from the rest of the country.

BACK

break away = to leave a political party or group

That's not literally going to happen, but some people have made the joke that California should do that. It's part of the United States, but it is so much more liberal than the rest that some people say it should break away and it could be their own country.

FRONT

The boulder broke away from the mountain and crashed down into the valley below.

BACK

break away = to become separated from something

So, there's a mountain and there's a big rock on the mountain and over time, or because of the forces of gravity or nature it broke away and crashed into the valley below.

FRONT

After two weeks of trying to take care of my kids on my own, I called the nanny back who had been taking care of them.

BACK

call back = to communicate the need for someone to return from one situation or location to a previous one

So, taking care of kids is a lot of work and a nanny is somebody who takes care of children. So, I had a nanny before, I tried taking care of the kids, it was a lot harder than I anticipated, and I called the nanny back. I wanted her to come back home and help me again with caring for the children.

FRONT

Cindy, my baby is screaming, so I'm going to have to call you back a little bit later.

BACK

call back = to return a telephone call from someone who called previously

So, we're talking now, I have to stop talking because my baby is demanding my attention.

So, I will call her back later, I will give her another telephone call when the baby is calmed down.

FRONT

Honda had to call back all of the Accords built between 2006 and 2009 because of a defective airbag.

BACK

call back = to recall a defective product for repair or refund

So, Honda discovered that they had a problem with these airbags, and they had to call back all of those Honda Accords they had made during that period of time. And it's not uncommon, this happened to me. I have a Honda Accord and I got a notice in the mail too long ago that I have a problem with my airbag. So, they're calling it back and they will repair it for free.

FRONT

I put out a fire by throwing a bucket of water on it.

BACK

put out = to extinguish

So, the fire is raging, and I throw a bucket of water on it and the water puts out, extinguishes, puts out the fire.

FRONT

They had to put me out of the bar because I got too drunk.

BACK

put out = to expel

So, I'm at the bar, I'm drinking, I get out of control, and they kick me out or they put me out of the bar.

FRONT

If it doesn't put you out too much, would you be willing to help me carry these boxes into my house?

BACK

put out = to inconvenience somebody

In other words, "if it doesn't put you out" means "if it's not too much trouble." If it's not too difficult, if it's not too inconvenient. Could you help me with these boxes?

FRONT

I hope I can break away for a few minutes so I can call back my brother and remind him to put the dog out.

BACK

break away = to escape from a person, place, or situation.

call back = to return a telephone call from someone who called previously

put out = to expel

So, in this case I'm busy. I want to break away, I want to take some time, leave the situation so that I can call back my brother. Maybe he tried to call me before, so I'm going to call him back and remind him to put the dog out. I want him to put the dog outside because the dog has to go to the bathroom every once in a while.