


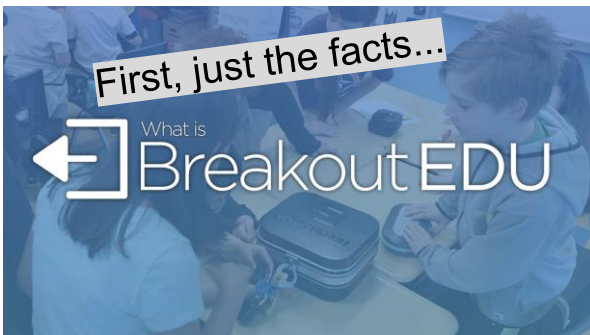
 **Breaking Out of the Box...** for kids, teens, staff, & beyond!

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First, just the facts...

What is  **Breakout EDU**



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 Breakout EDU is the immersive learning games platform.

 Breakout EDU games consist of a combination of physical and digital puzzle elements that must be solved in a set amount of time.

 Players of all ages are challenged to open the locked Breakout EDU box using critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity

How to play Breakout EDU





How to Play a Breakout EDU Game?

-  Look around for clues and artifacts that will help provide information needed to figure out the combinations to the locks.
-  Talk with your group and share what you're thinking about the clues. You might need to think outside the box in order to break into it.
-  Test out what you think you know! Try the combinations you think will open up the box. If you're wrong, think some more and try again.
-  Remove all the locks from the Breakout EDU kit before the timer runs out to complete the game.

Tips for Success



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-  Work together as a team.
-  The better you communicate and collaborate the more successful you will be.
-  If you solve a puzzle, make sure the rest of your team knows.
-  **Hint** Come together to review what you know before deciding as a team when to use your hint cards.




Hint Cards

Two hint cards are available when you and your team decide that you are not able to move forward without a little help.

These hints are given to you by the facilitator of the game who is watching and observing the group.

Hints are not answers, just some information to help your group get over a hurdle or see the information in a new way.




Today's Game
Setting the Scene

Game Timer



34:08.00





Debrief


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Breakout EDU doesn't end when the box gets opened. Yes, the game task might be complete at that point, but some of the best magic is what happens during the debrief discussion.

The Reflection Cards include questions suitable for all Breakout EDU games and are used to facilitate a group discussion. The cards can be locked in the Breakout EDU box or distributed after the game concludes.


The Power of Breakout EDU



Active Learning
Breakout EDU games transfer the ownership of learning from the instructor to the student, making it easy to observe how learners approach problem solving and apply their knowledge.



The Four Cs
In addition to the content knowledge needed to succeed in a specific game, all Breakout EDU games require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication.



Cultivating Grit
A Breakout EDU game provides learners with many opportunities to fail forward. Every unsuccessful attempt to open a lock forces the player to try again.



End of Game Photo





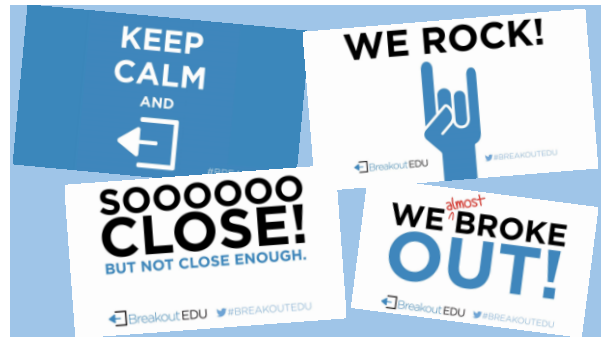

Win or lose, it's always great to celebrate the learning experience of a Breakout EDU game with a team photo!

We have included some fun signs and/or backgrounds for your photos.








Breakout EDU Game Library

Over 350 Breakout EDU games are available for learners of all ages.

Each game includes detailed instructions, printable materials, links, and a set-up video

We encourage game development and sharing with the Breakout EDU community.

Sign up for a free account to access games:
<https://platform.breakoutedu.com/signup>

What We Think...

- Using BreakoutEDU games vs. starting from scratch
- Who you can use Breakouts/BreakoutEDU with
- How we've already used BreakoutEDU
- How we implemented the game

What's the REAL cost?

- Kit Cost: \$150 plus shipping (can submit tax-exempt info prior to ordering)
 - You can also make your own kit which can usually cost less.
- Extra Supplies and Hidden Expenses
 - Extra invisible ink pens, new/extra blacklights, new batteries for blacklights, extra copies of key lock key, 3-digit lockbox
 - Themed Decorations (optional expense)
 - Prizes inside box (optional expense)
 - "I Broke Out" signs, A bag of lifesavers, packages of M&Ms, smarties candies, general candy, zombie buttons, fake jewels (wedding aisle at Michael's)
 - Additional tech: iPads or laptops, Locks app, themed playlists

Free	Platform Access	Breakout EDU Kit + Platform Access
\$0	\$60 <small>12 months access</small>	\$150 <small>Includes 12 months of Platform Access</small>
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What Could Go Wrong???

- Locks sometimes get stuck or accidentally re-set
- The Nearly-Lost Arts of Teamwork & Perseverance
- Modifications could be problematic or expensive
- Check supplies needed ahead of time
- Check tech & Internet requirements

Best Practices!

(Learn from our mistakes!)

- For groups new to a breakout consider doing a teambuilding exercise to start, having name tags if they might not know each other, show an example clue so players get a better understanding of the game, etc.
- Additional purchases to the kit have been helpful: Locks app by BreakoutEDU for \$1.99, Additional UV flashlights/pens, Batteries for the UV flashlights, Bolt cutters (just in case!!!)
- Allow plenty of time for prep, explanations, and re-setting in between sessions.
- Include in event description that this will be group/teamwork

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- Pay close attention to the game's recommended group size (unless using the "Ticket System")
- Consider attendees abilities (color-blindness)
- Consider the tech capabilities of your location (Wi-Fi, etc.)
- Consider your font for clues (l and 1 look similar in some fonts)
- Do a practice run-through with staff prior to event
- Having a Breakout Buddy has been extremely helpful--or at least consider extra staff

Future Plans for us with using BreakoutEDU...

So much potential!

- Multi-generational program
- Breakouts based on books
- Create your own game

Where can I turn for support?

- Get a "Breakout Buddy" at work
- General Discussion group on BreakoutEDU
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/breakoutedu/>
- School Library Discussion group on BreakoutEDU
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/breakoutedulibrary/>
- Contact us

Helpful BreakoutEDU links



Learn more at BreakoutEDU.com/welcome



Create a free account to access the Games at platform.breakoutedu.com/



Order your kit at store.BreakoutEDU.com

Helpful BreakoutEDU links



Learn about the locks at BreakoutEDU.com/locks

Detailed instructions, video tutorials, and helpful tips



Create your own game at BreakoutEDU.com/create

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