

# Basic Breakout Box Info

## What is a Breakout Box?

A breakout box is a play on the modern day “Escape room” activity. It is a critical thinking activity that is meant for students to apply content subject to a clue type game scenario. For more information on what a break out box and how to purchase the original kit, please see <http://www.breakoutedu.com/>

## What supplies do I need to do this activity?

I have set up this activity where you can play with just a few basic supplies or the entire equipment list detailed below. Throughout the reading for this activity, you will see that you can do an intense game with a ton of locks, or a simple game with just a couple of locks. In addition, this game can be played so that each group has a box or the entire class shares one box and works together. [Click here to read the document for using only one box.](#)

Below I am listing the supplies I have bought and a link to where I have gotten them if I can give a link. (If at anytime the link stops working- please email me at [lapotairjm@gmail.com](mailto:lapotairjm@gmail.com). I try to keep up with it all, but you might see it before I do.)

Tool	Description	Source with Link
<b>Lockable Toolbox</b>	Dollar tree had these out in store for Father’s Day, but might be difficult to find them in store otherwise. I recommend purchasing online and choosing site to store. This method will allow you free shipping and to order in multiples of 4.	<a href="#">Dollar Tree</a>
<b>Lockout Hasp</b>	The cheapest I found was Home Depot online. Your local hardware store might have them cheaper.	<a href="#">Home Depot</a>

<b>Keyed Padlocks</b>	Dollar tree has them for, of course, a dollar! Can't beat that! However, I went to three locations and couldn't find any in store. So I had to order a whole case of 24 (which came with 12 long locks and 12 short locks).	<a href="#">Dollar Tree</a>
<b>3 Digit Resettable Lock</b>	Best price I found was for a two pack from Amazon. I ordered mine from Wal Mart and was able to order these site to store to save on shipping.	<a href="#">Amazon</a> <a href="#">Wal Mart</a>
<b>5 Character Resettable Lock</b>	The lock I got (which was the cheapest) has numbers and letters in it. I make my combinations use some of the numbers to look like letters (for example 4 Looks like A). If you want to spend a few more bucks per lock you can get locks that only have letters.	<a href="#">Amazon</a> <a href="#">Amazon</a>
<b>Directional Lock</b>	This resettable lock allows you to set your own directional combination in as many (or as few) directions as you want.	<a href="#">Lowes</a> <a href="#">Amazon</a>
<b>Plastic Eggs</b>	I had these left over from Easter. I am not really sure where you can get them when not in season.	Any store during the spring time
<b>Printed Items</b>	You will need to print off items for this game.	Found in this bundle in the clue and printable folders.

I bought 6 tool boxes, and at least five sets of everything else (I use the 6<sup>th</sup> box for storage of everything. All the tools and equipment cost me less than \$175. The official breakout box is sold as [one bundled box is \\$125 plus \\$30 shipping](#). If your school will pay for the official break out box- that's awesome. If they won't please consider making your own boxes like I did.