

Can I take a rain check?

Can we change the plan to another time in the future?



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "I have to cancel our plans for lunch today. **Can I take a rain check?**"

B: "Sure. How about tomorrow?"

A: "Would you like to go out for dinner tonight?"

B: "Sorry, I can't make it tonight. **Can I take a rain check?**"

For *can't make it*, see page 352

take time off

decide not to go to work for a short time



MORE EXAMPLES

"I **took** three months **off** after I had the baby."

"I'm going to **take** a week **off** because I need a vacation."

on top of that

in addition to; also

Say this when the last piece of information is important.



MORE EXAMPLES

"My neighbor is noisy. He plays loud music at night and he has lots of parties. **On top of that**, his dog barks a lot!"

"I'm very busy. I have two children, I work full-time, and **on top of that** I take evening classes."

put clothes on

This is not the same as 'wear' clothes: first we **put** clothes **on**; *then* we are wearing clothes.



MORE EXAMPLES

"I ate breakfast quickly, **put** my coat **on** and ran out of the house."

"He's only two years old. He doesn't know how to **put on** his shoes."

NOTE: **put** something **on**, **put on** something, **put it on**, NOT ~~put on it~~

For *doesn't know how*, see page 331

I didn't mean that

Say this when someone does not understand what you said.

NOT ~~That's not my meaning~~



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "You're very big."

B: "You think I'm fat!"

A: "No, **I didn't mean that.** I meant you're very tall."

A: "I want you to work over the weekend."

B: "Boss, I can't work *every* weekend!"

A: "**I didn't mean that.** I meant *this* weekend."

Do you mind if I join you?

Ask this for permission to be with someone.



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "We're going to the movies."

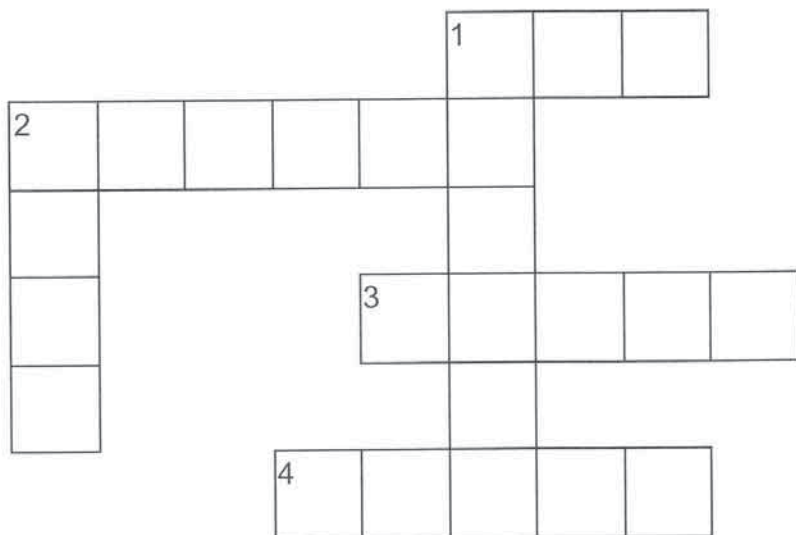
B: "**Do you mind if I join you?**"

A: "No, we don't mind. Please come along."

A: "Hi Jane. **Do you mind if I join you?**"

B: "Actually, I'm leaving now, but you can have my seat."

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ACROSS

- 1) "I broke my leg! I can't go to work, so I'm taking two weeks ___."
- 2) "I'm going out to lunch." ■ "Do you ___ ___ I join you?" ■ "No. Please come."
- 3) "I can't meet you for lunch today. Can I take a rain ___?"
- 4) "Firefighters have to wake up and ___ ___ their clothes very fast."

DOWN

- 1) "My girlfriend is smart, interesting and sweet. On top ___ ___, she's beautiful."
- 2) "These shoes cost nine ninety." ■ "\$990!"
■ "No, I didn't ___ that. I meant \$9.90."

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