

run into someone

meet someone **unexpectedly**



MORE EXAMPLES

“I **ran into** Fred Schiffer at the airport. I was arriving from Seoul, and he was on his way to Chicago.”

“Sometimes I **run into** Mohamed at the bank. We both go on Mondays.”

For *on his way*, see page 53

I can't get something to work

I **can't make** something **function**



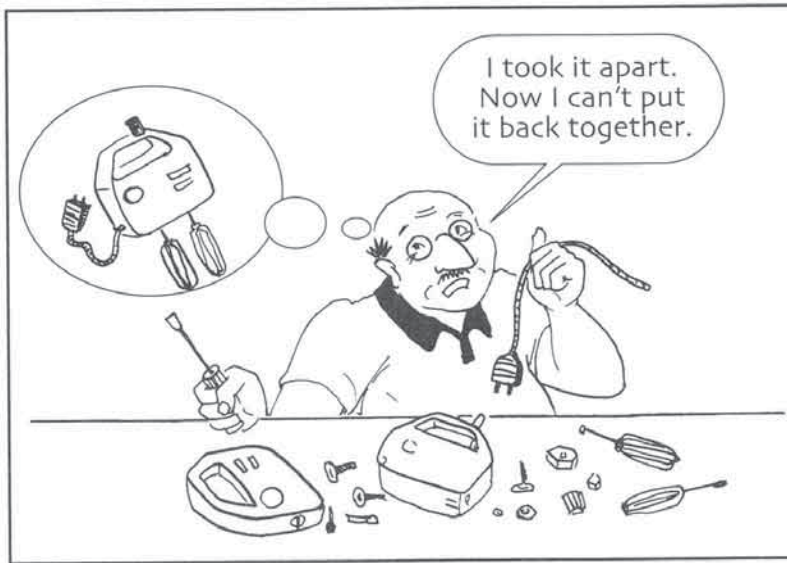
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"I've pressed all the buttons on this DVD player, but I **can't get it to work.**"

"I **can't get** my printer **to work.** There's something wrong with it."

For *something wrong with it*, see page 347

take it apart /
put it back together
dismantle it / assemble it



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "What's wrong with the air conditioner?"

B: "I don't know. I'll **take** it **apart** and look inside."

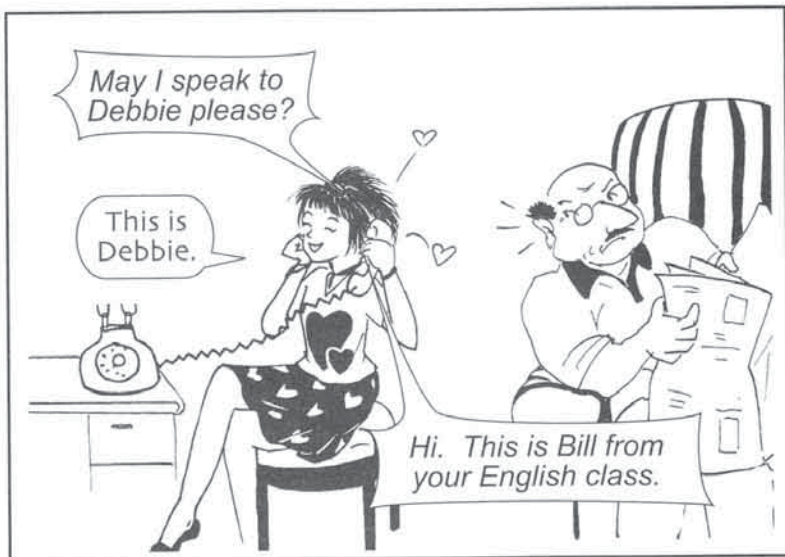
"I took my computer apart to replace a part, and now I can't figure out how to **put it back together.**"

For *can't figure out how to*, see page 160

this is Jenny

Say this to identify yourself on the phone.

NOT ~~I am Jenny~~



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "May I speak to the manager?"

B: "**This is** the manager speaking. How can I help you?"

A: "Can I speak to Mr. Daw?"

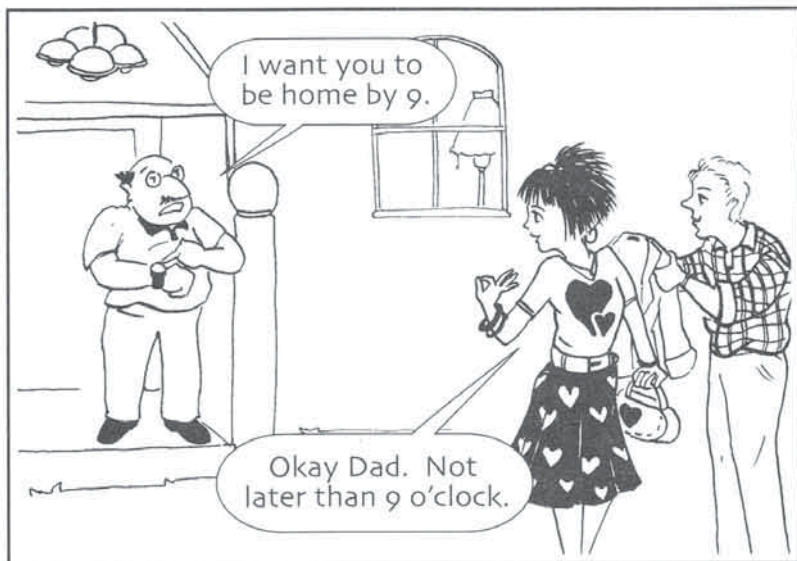
B: "Can I ask who's calling?"

A: "**This is** Mary from ABC Company."

For *How can I help you*, see page 10

by 9 o'clock

at 9:00 or before 9:00 —
but **not after** 9:00



MORE EXAMPLES

"We need to be at the airport **by** 3 o'clock. Our flight leaves at 4 o'clock and we need one hour to check in."

"I need the report **by** 5 o'clock at the latest."

What do you think about doing something?

NOT How do you think about



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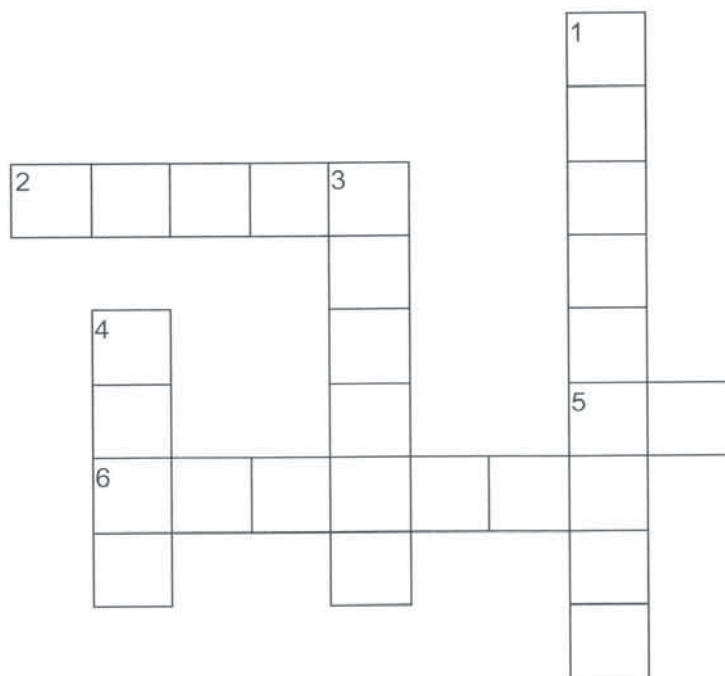
A: "What do you think about moving to a bigger house?"

B: "Good idea! We need more room."

A: "What do you think about buying a new car?"

B: "I don't think we need a new car."

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ACROSS

- 2) "I took the wheels off my bike. Then I took the seat off." ■ "Why did you take your bike ___?"
- 5) "What a boring party! People started to leave at 9 o'clock. ___ 9:30, everyone had gone."
- 6) "I ___ ___ your sister today! I was leaving Shopmart, and she was just coming in."

DOWN

- 1) "___ do you think ___ driving to the beach today?" ■ "It's a great idea!"
- 3) (on the phone) "Hello Edward? ___ ___ Tony." ■ "Hi Tony."
- 4) "Why don't you fix this broken radio?" ■ "I've tried, but I can't get it to ___."

For answers, see page 366