

it's on the tip of my tongue

I can *almost* remember it



MORE EXAMPLES ☞

A: "What's the capital of Canada?"

B: "Otta... **It's on the tip of my tongue.**
Otta... Ottawa!"

A: "Do you remember my address?"

B: "Sure, it's 22... wait, **it's on the tip of my tongue...** Elm Street?"

A: "Yes, that's right!"

give someone a ride

drive someone to a place they need to go



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Could you **give** me **a ride** to school?"

B: "Sure, I'll drop you off on my way to work."

A: "How are you getting to the party?"

B: "Mary is **giving** me **a ride**."

For *drop you off*, see page 72

For *on my way*, see page 53

For *How are you getting to*, see page 344

have trouble with something

Say this when something is a problem.



MORE EXAMPLES

"My son is **having trouble with** his chemistry homework. Can you help him?"

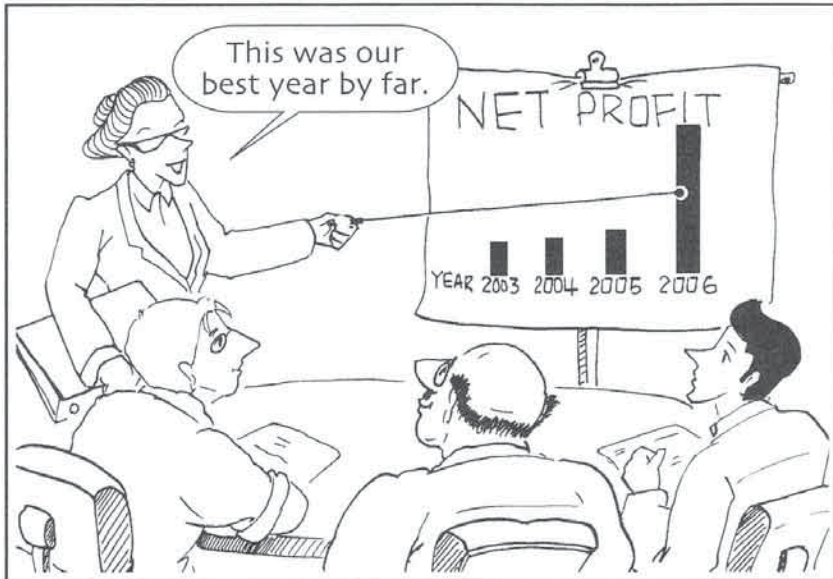
"I always **have trouble with** this key! It's difficult to unlock the door!"

For *it's difficult to*, see page 300

by far

by a large amount

Say this to show that something is *very* different from other things.



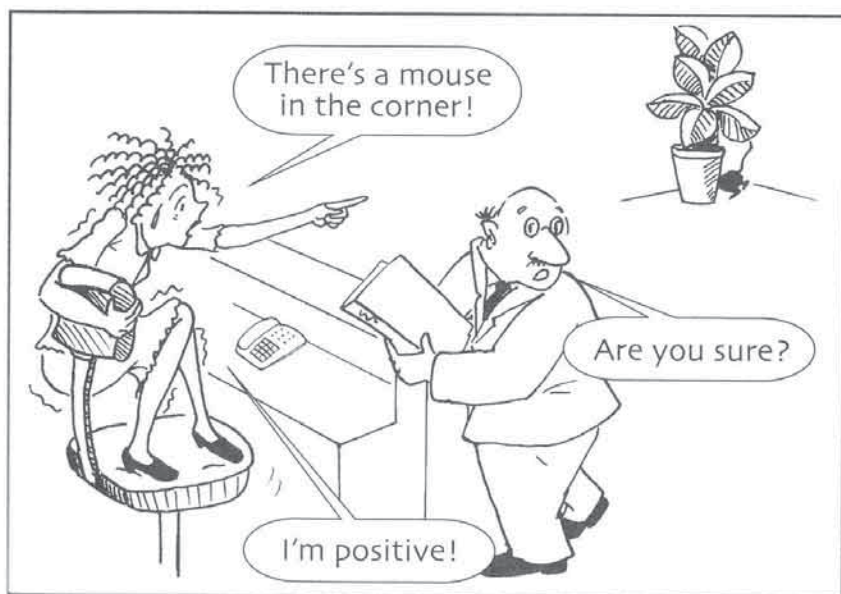
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“This is the fastest printer we have **by far**. All the others are much slower.”

“Most camera shops charge 50 cents per photo. But this shop charges only 20 cents! That’s the lowest price **by far**.”

I'm positive

I'm 100% sure



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "I can't find the key."

B: "Are you sure you left it on the table?"

A: "**I'm positive**. I remember putting it there."

A: "Mr. Jackson still hasn't received my letter."

B: "Are you sure you sent it?"

A: "**I'm not positive**, but I think so."

For *left*, see page 232

I can't figure out how to

Say this when you can't understand how to do something.



MORE EXAMPLES

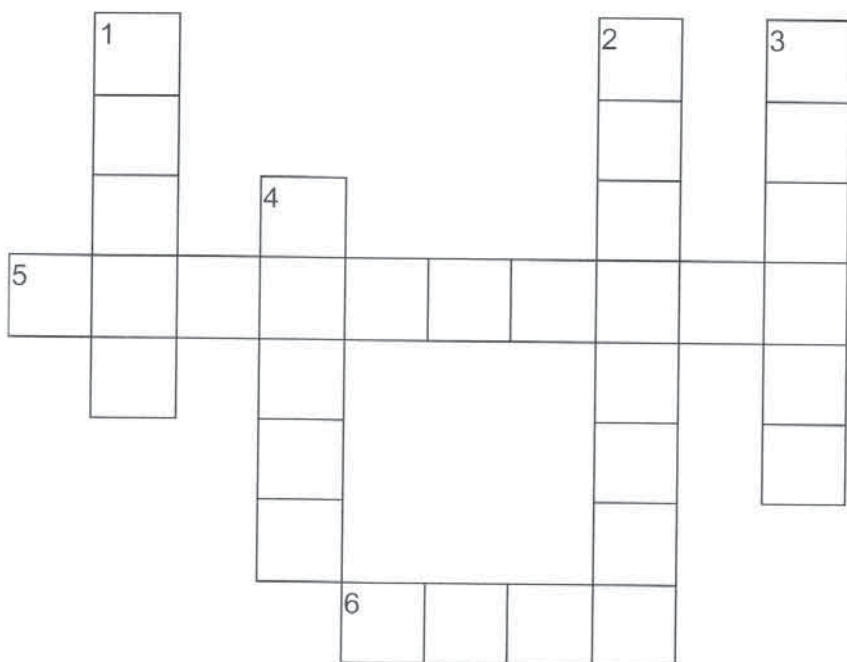
A: "I **can't figure out how to** turn this radio on."

B: "Just press this button."

"Joe **can't figure out how to** use the fax machine. Could you give him a hand?"

For *give him a hand*, see page 176

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ACROSS

- 5) "I'm ___ trouble ___ my printer. The paper keeps getting stuck."
- 6) "I'm going to walk to the bank." ■ "My car is right here. I can give you a ___."

DOWN

- 1) "Pat is 34 years old. All of the other students are 19 or 20. Pat is the oldest ___ ___."
- 2) "Are you sure you locked the door?" ■ "Yes, I'm ___."
- 3) "Why can't you print out the document?"
■ "Because I can't figure ___ ___ to use the printer."
- 4) "Her name is Marina or Melina or... It's on the ___ ___ my tongue. Oh yes, it's Miranda!"

For answers, see page 366