

last three hours

continue for three hours



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "How long did the Second World War **last**?"

B: "It **lasted** six years, from 1939 to 1945."

A: "I hope the meeting doesn't **last** long."

B: "I think it will **last** about an hour."

For a different meaning of *last*, see page 244

get something done

finish something



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "When can you **get** the job **done**?"

B: "I can **get** it **done** by Friday."

"I can't **get** everything **done** today. I'll finish tomorrow."

For *by Friday*, see page 117

**take longer than
someone expected**

need more time than originally planned



MORE EXAMPLES 🗨️

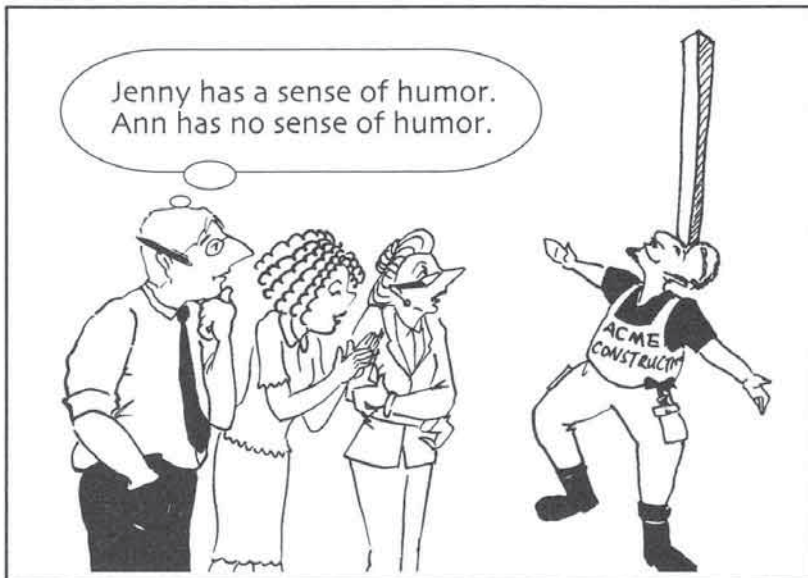
“I thought it would take two hours to drive to your house, but it took three hours. It **took longer than I expected.**”

“I was supposed to finish this job today, but it's **taking longer than I expected.** I'll finish it tomorrow.”

For *supposed to*, see page 305

have a sense of humor

enjoy funny things; enjoy laughing



MORE EXAMPLES

"I'd like to marry a man who **has a sense of humor.**"

"It's important to **have a sense of humor** when life gets stressful."

can't get something down / in / out / open

Say this when something is difficult to do.



MORE EXAMPLES

"My disc is stuck in my computer! I **can't get it out!**"

"My suitcase is full. I **can't get my shoes in.**"

last 20 years

can function or can be used for 20 years



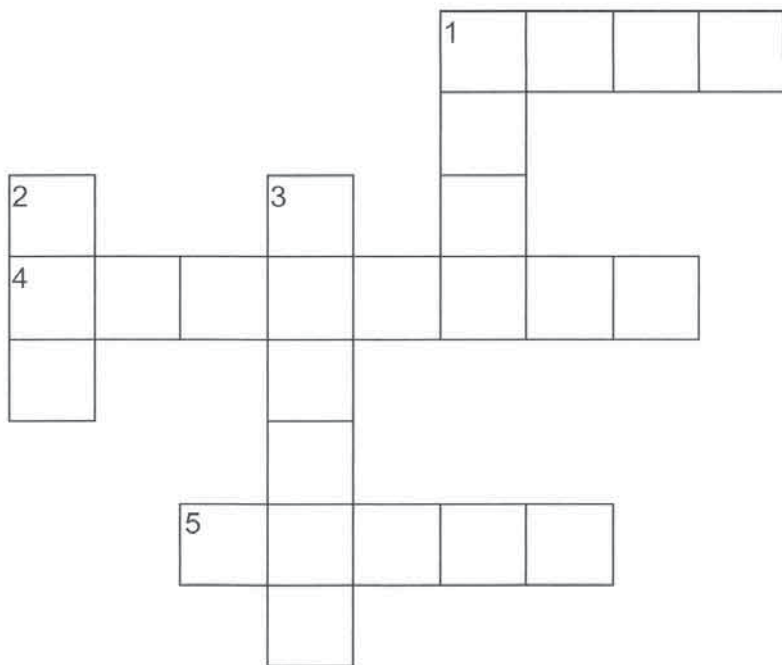
MORE EXAMPLES

“I buy leather shoes because leather **lasts** a long time.”

“I bought a cheap radio. It **lasted** six months. Then it broke.”

For a different meaning of *last*, see page 239

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ACROSS

- 1) "Paul's parties are always fun. They usually ___ all night long."
- 4) "I'm surprised it took you two months to write that report!" ■ "Yes, it took longer than I ___."
- 5) "Lillian never laughs or makes jokes. She has no sense of ___."

DOWN

- 1) "If you keep your medicine in the refrigerator, it will ___ a long time."
- 2) "I haven't finished building your table." ■ "Can you ___ it done by tomorrow?"
- 3) "There is some paper stuck in my printer. I can't ___ it ___."

For answers, see page 367