on me

Say this if you want to pay for
someone's food or drink.

MORE EXAMPLES 🗩

A: "Lunch is **on me** today."
B: "Thanks Jack."
A: "It's my pleasure."

A: "Let's split the check."
B: "No, the drinks are **on me** today."

stuck in traffic

in a traffic jam

Sue, I'll be home late. I'm stuck in traffic.

MORE EXAMPLES 🗩

"Sorry I'm late. I was **stuck in traffic** for an hour."

"There's no point in driving downtown during rush hour. You'll be **stuck in traffic**."

NOTE: rush hour = the times of day with the busiest traffic, when many people are traveling to or from work

it slipped my mind

I forgot

MORE EXAMPLES 💬

A: "Did you mail my letter?"
B: "Oh, **it slipped my mind**. I'll do it tomor-
   row."

"I was supposed to meet Fred last night, but
 I forgot. **It slipped my mind**."

under a lot of pressure

feeling stress

Have you finished the report yet?

I need it by 5pm!

Where are my lamps?!

I'm under a lot of pressure this month.

MORE EXAMPLES 💬

"We are **under a lot of pressure** because we have to finish this job by Friday."

"Students are **under a lot of pressure** at exam time."

For *by Friday*, see page 117

drop something **off**

take something to a place and leave it there

> Could you drop this off at the shoe repair shop?

> It will be ready on Thursday.

SHOE REPAIR

MORE EXAMPLES 🗨

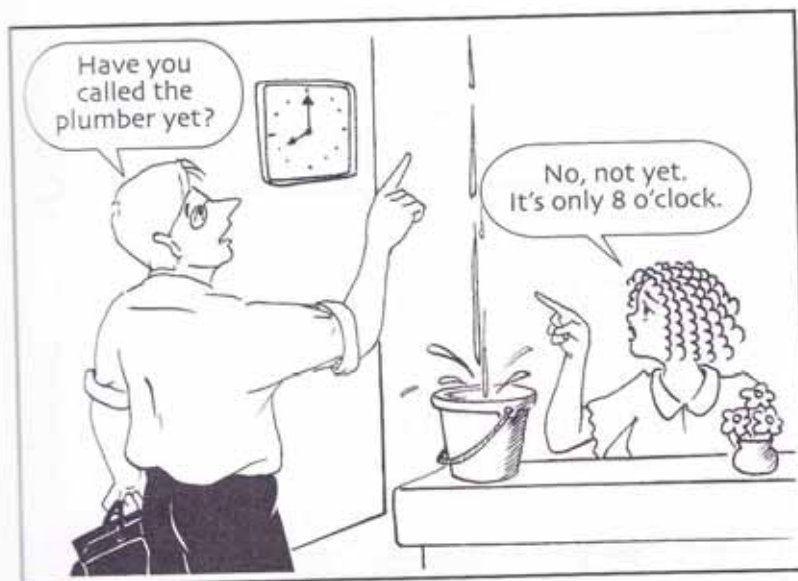"I'm going to the dry cleaners. I want to **drop off** some shirts."

A: "Don't stay and talk. Just **drop off** the gift and leave."
B: "Okay, I'll just **drop** it **off**."

NOTE: **drop** something **off**, **drop off** something, **drop** it **off**, NOT ~~drop off it~~

Have you done something yet?

Ask this to find out if something has *already* happened.

MORE EXAMPLES 💬
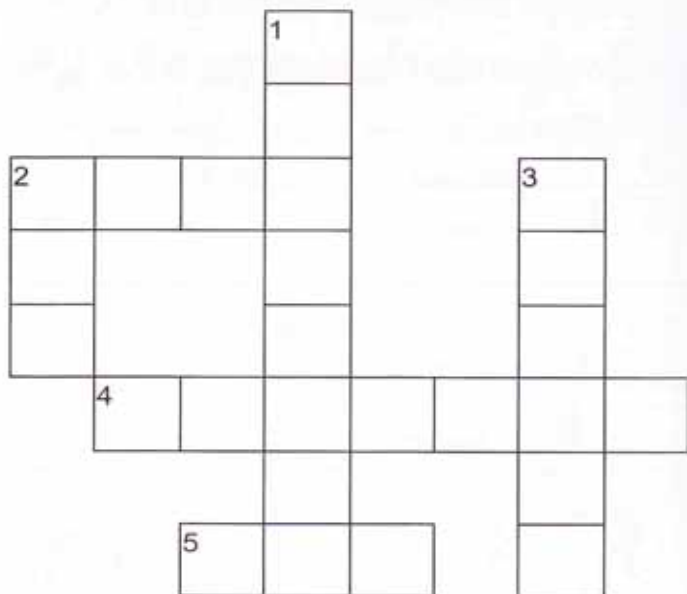
A: "**Have you** eaten lunch **yet**?"
B: "Yes, I had lunch an hour ago."

A: "**Have you** been to the post office **yet**?"
B: "No, not yet. I'm going now."

For *ago*, see page 46

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ACROSS

2) (at a restaurant) "I'll pay." ▪ "No, lunch is ___ ___ this time." ▪ "Thank you."

4) "Why are you late?" ▪ "I was ___ ___ traffic."

5) "Have you had lunch ___?" ▪ "No, I'm hungry."

DOWN

1) "I have a lot of deadlines this month. I'm under a lot of ___."

2) "Could you take this book back to the library?" ▪ "Yes, I'll drop it ___ on my way to work."

3) "You forgot to buy milk!" ▪ "Sorry. I was so busy it slipped ___ ___."

For answers, see page 365