

**in case** something happens  
**because** something **might** happen



**MORE EXAMPLES** 🗨️

A: "Don't forget to buy eggs."

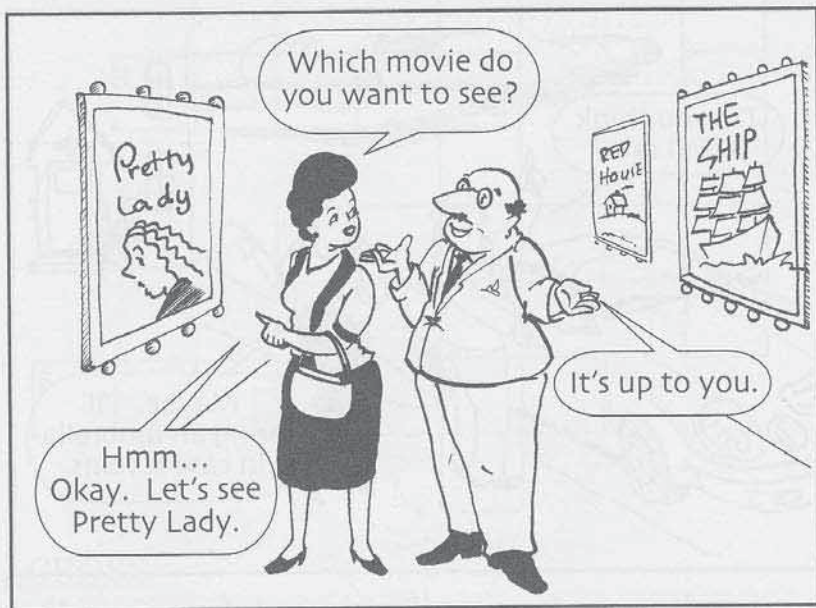
B: "I'd better write it down **in case** I forget."

A: "Why are you putting a smoke alarm on the wall?"

B: "**In case** there's a fire."

## it's up to someone

someone **decides**



### MORE EXAMPLES

A: "What color will you paint your house?"

B: "**It's not up to** me. **It's up to** my wife.  
She will decide."

A: "Can customers return products?"

B: "**It's up to** the manager. It depends on  
the situation."

For *it depends on*, see page 318

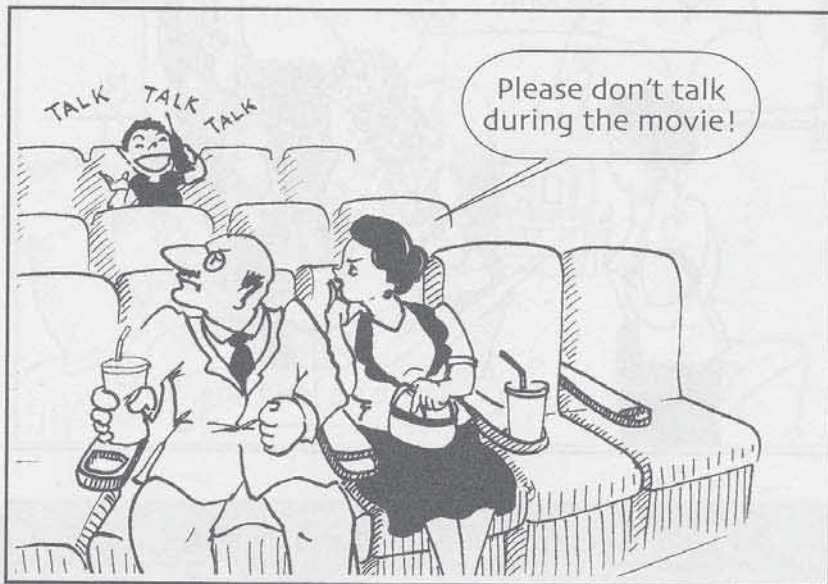


## during something

at the same time as something

during + noun

NOT ~~during we watch the movie~~



### MORE EXAMPLES

“**During the flight**, I read two books.”

“We visited friends **during our vacation**.”

“**During the meeting**, I fell asleep.”

NOTE: noun = thing (book, man, house)

## What's taking so long?

Why is something taking a long time?



### MORE EXAMPLES

"We've been waiting for the bus for an hour!  
**What's taking so long?**"

A: "He still hasn't arrived. **What's taking so long?**"

B: "He's stuck in traffic."

For *stuck in traffic*, see page 23



## sleep in

wake up later than usual — by choice



### MORE EXAMPLES

“I can **sleep in** tomorrow morning because I have the day off!”

“I feel great! I **slept in** until 9 o’clock this morning.”

For *have the day off*, see page 325

## speaking of something

Say this when a word makes you think of a new topic.



### MORE EXAMPLES

A: "I want to mail this letter."

B: "**Speaking of** mail, did you get a postcard from Dave?"

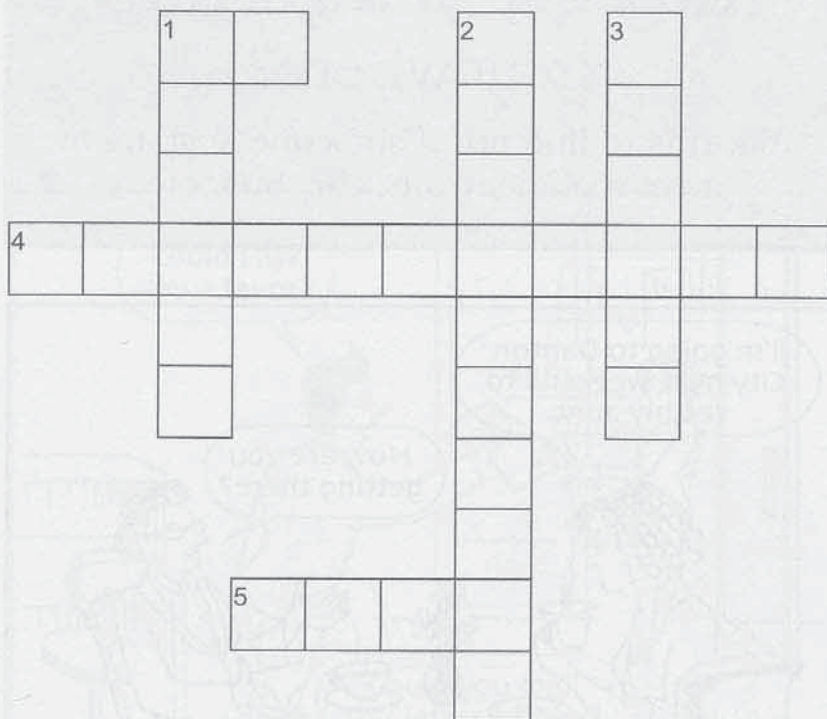
A: "Joe bought a new car."

B: "**Speaking of** cars, I left my bag in your car. Did you find it?"

For *left*, see page 232



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### ACROSS

- 1) "I'm not going to wake up early tomorrow. I'm going to sleep \_\_\_\_."
- 4) "We ordered our food 30 minutes ago! \_\_\_\_ so long?" ■ "Maybe they forgot our order."
- 5) "Can I take the test with a red pen?" ■ "It's \_\_\_\_ the teacher. You'll have to ask her."

### DOWN

- 1) "When I travel, I always bring medicine in my bag \_\_\_\_ I get sick."
- 2) "Ted emailed me from Italy." ■ "\_\_\_\_ Italy, let's try that new Italian restaurant."
- 3) "I learned to swim \_\_\_\_ my vacation."

*For answers, see page 368*