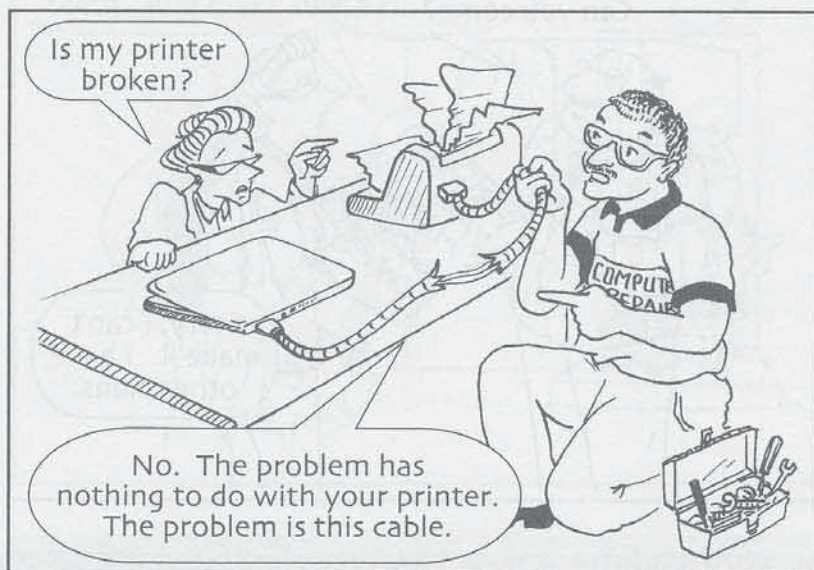


has nothing to do with someone / something

does not concern or involve
someone / something



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Did you quit your job because of the pay?"

B: "No, it **has nothing to do with** pay. I want to start my own company."

A: "Are you angry with me?"

B: "No, I'm angry with Paul. It **has nothing to do with** you."

can't make it

not able to attend



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Is Bob coming to the movie?"

B: "No, he's working late. He **can't make it.**"

A: "The meeting starts at 3 o'clock sharp."

B: "I **can't make it** by three. I'll be a little late."

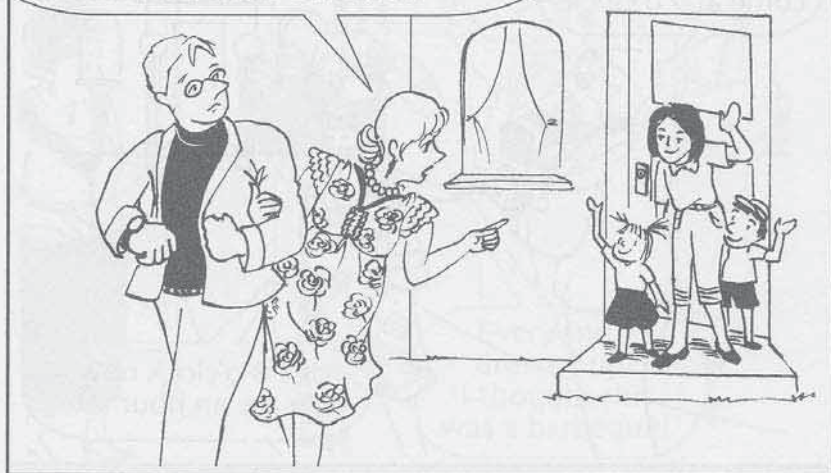
For *3 o'clock sharp*, see page 201

For *by three*, see page 117

make sure

confirm; ensure

Make sure she eats her vegetables.
And make sure Tommy brushes his
teeth. And make sure he...



MORE EXAMPLES

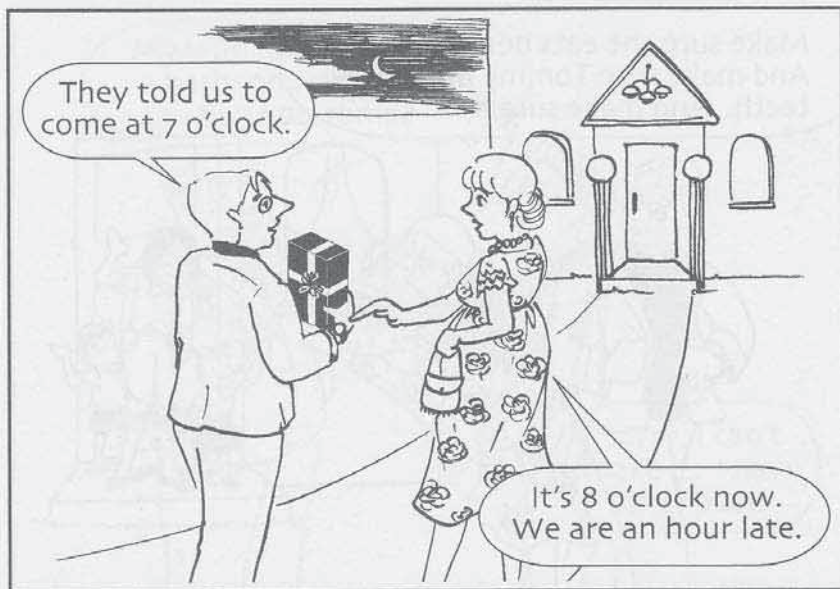
A: "Please **make sure** we have enough chairs for the meeting."

B: "I've already **made sure**."

"Could you **make sure** you turn off the computer before you leave?"

an hour **late**

NOT ~~late an hour~~



MORE EXAMPLES

"I'm stuck in traffic right now. I'll be a few minutes **late**."

"I got to the doctor's office on time, but the doctor was 20 minutes **late**!"

For *stuck in traffic*, see page 23

dressed up

wearing their best clothes



MORE EXAMPLES

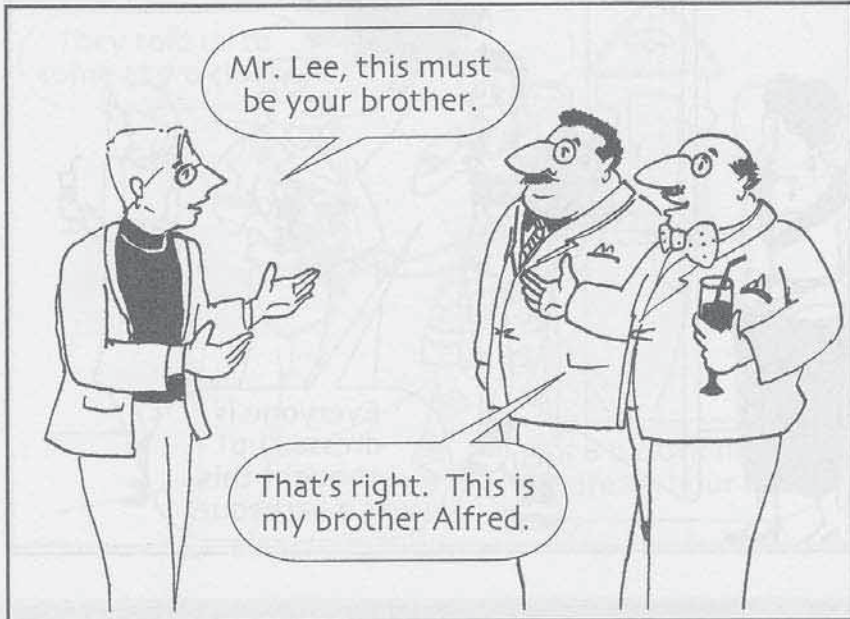
“My wife likes to get **dressed up**. But I prefer casual clothes.”

A: “Why are you so **dressed up**?”

B: “I have a meeting with the president of the company.”

must be

Say this when you are 95% sure about something.



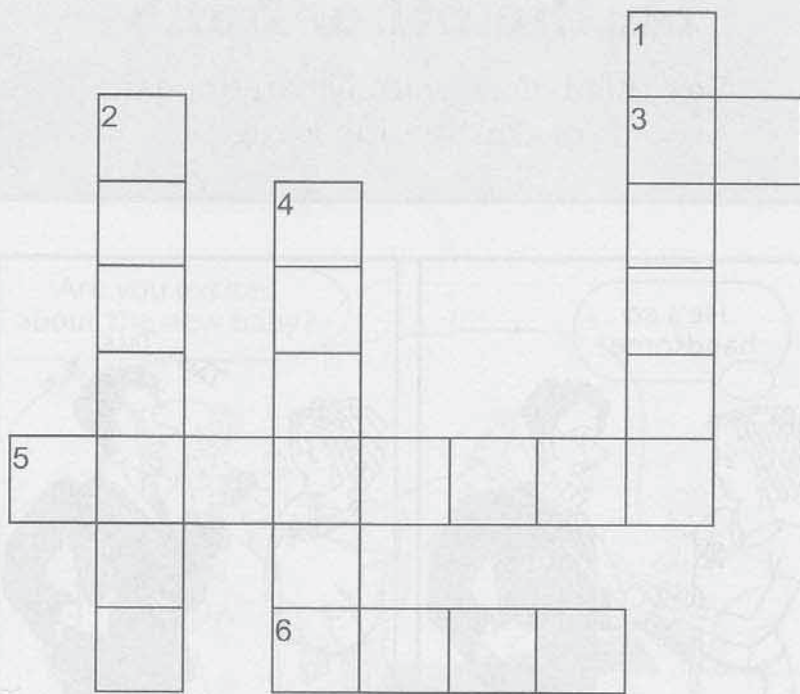
MORE EXAMPLES

"I took my shoe to the repair shop a month ago. It **must be** ready by now."

"I just called the store, but no one answered the phone. It **must be** closed."

For *ago*, see page 46

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ACROSS

- 3) "I'm dressed ___ because I'm going to a wedding."
- 5) "I think I locked the door, but please check and ___ ___ it's locked."
- 6) "You shouldn't discuss my problem with Ken. My problem has nothing ___ ___ with him."

DOWN

- 1) "Look! Everyone's clothes are wet! It ___ ___ raining."
- 2) "He arrived ten minutes after the meeting started. He was ___ minutes ___."
- 4) "Are you coming to the baseball game on Saturday?" • "Sorry, I can't ___ ___."

For answers, see page 368