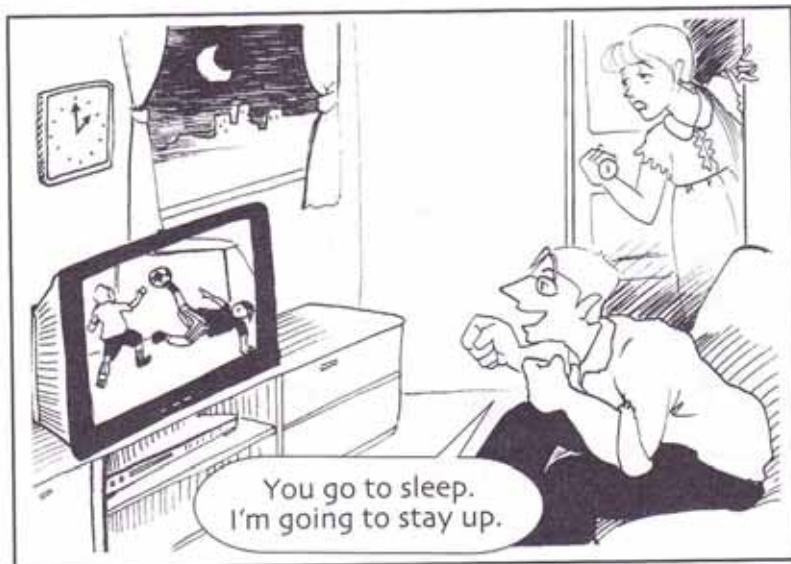


stay up

stay awake later than one's usual bedtime



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Why are you so tired today?"

B: "I **stayed up** late last night."

"When my husband works late, I **stay up** until he gets home."

oversleep

wake up later than planned



MORE EXAMPLES

"I'm behind schedule this morning because I **overslept.**"

"I use three alarm clocks so that I never **oversleep.**"

For *behind schedule*, see page 13

about to do something
going to do something *very soon*



MORE EXAMPLES 🗨️

A: "Is Dan still here?"

B: "Yes, but you'd better talk to him now.
He's **about to** leave."

A: "Have you written that letter yet?"

B: "No, but I'm **about to** do it right now."

For *Have you ... yet?*, see page 27

on my way

going to a place — but not at the place yet



MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Did you call the police?"

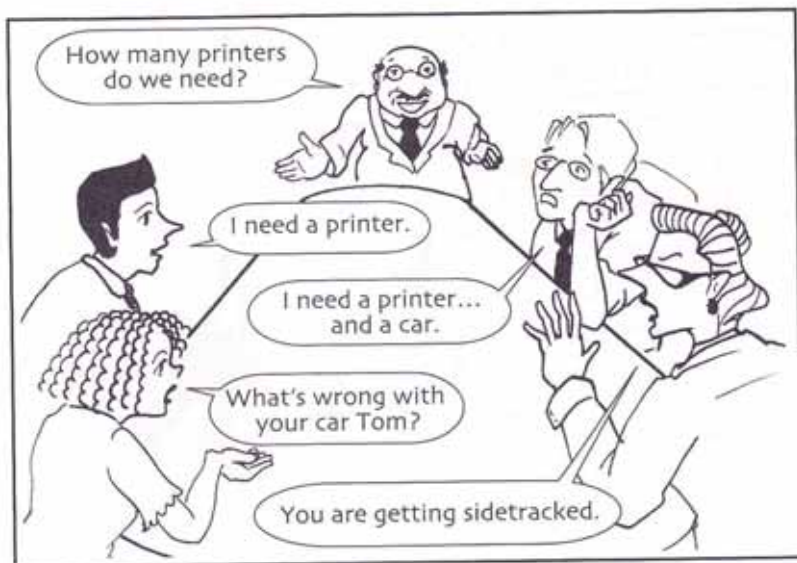
B: "Yes, they're **on their way**. They will be here very soon."

A: "We need some milk."

B: "Okay, I'll ask Dad to buy some **on his way** home."

get sidetracked

become distracted from something important



MORE EXAMPLES

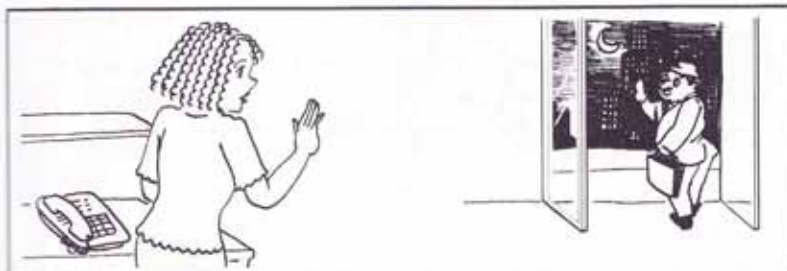
A: "You burned dinner."

B: "Yes. While I was cooking, my mom called and I **got sidetracked.**"

"I didn't finish my homework. There was a good movie on TV, so I **got sidetracked.**"

gone for the day

Say this when someone will *not* come back that day.



MORE EXAMPLES

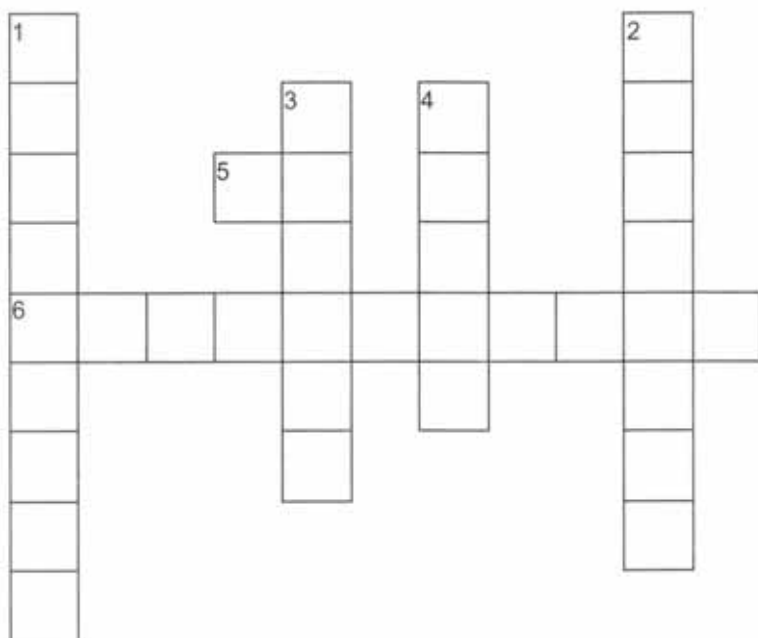
A: "Could I speak to Mr. Couga?"

B: "Sorry, he's **gone for the day**. He will be in the office tomorrow morning."

"Kate's **gone for the day**. You can reach her at home."

For *reach*, see page 254

GRAB A PENCIL! • Puzzle #8



ACROSS

- 5) "Are you busy?" • "Yes. I just finished cooking dinner, and I am about ___ eat it."
6) "I was busy working. Then my friend visited me, and I forgot about work. I got ___."

DOWN

- 1) "If I don't set my alarm clock at night, I will ___ in the morning."
2) "Last night I didn't go to bed early. I ___ until 2 a.m."
3) "My assistant is gone ___ day. She'll be back in the office tomorrow."
4) "I'm in my car driving to my office. I'm on ___ to work."

For answers, see page 365