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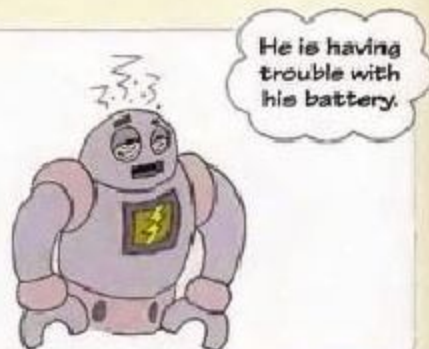
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in the meantime

□ **have trouble (with)** = have a problem; have difficulty

I am having trouble with this math homework.
The soccer player had trouble with his knee.

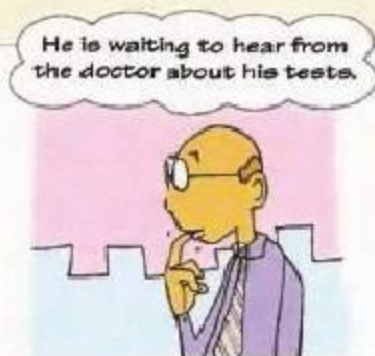
A: How are your tennis lessons?
B: Good, but I'm having trouble with my serve.



□ **hear from** = receive news from

I haven't heard from Dave recently.
It's nice to hear from you.

A: Has Mary called you since she went to China?
B: Not yet. If I don't hear from her soon I'm going to start worrying.



□ **hear of** = know about; hear about

I have never heard of an earthquake in this city.
Yes, I've heard of that restaurant. I think it's in the north end of town.

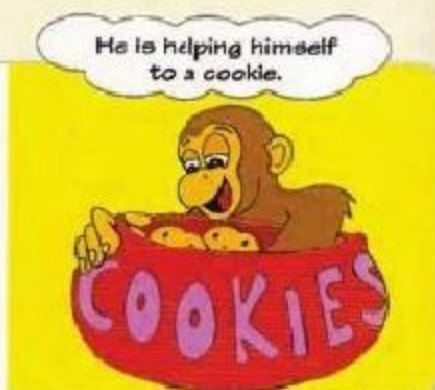
A: Let's go see a movie sometime.
B: Okay. If I hear of a good one I'll tell you.



□ **help oneself (to)** = take what one wants

Help yourself to the cake.
At the buffet, everyone helps themselves.

A: Please help yourself to some pie.
B: Thank you. It looks delicious.



□ **here you are** = here you go; here it is

A: Could I use your pen?

B: Sure, here you are.

A: I would like a chocolate ice cream cone, please.

B: Here you are.

A: Can I have a sip of your water please?

B: Sure. Here you are.



□ **hold on** = wait; hold the line

Hold on, I'm coming!

Please hold on while I find your file.

A: Here is the pizza you ordered.

B: Hold on. I'll go get my wallet.



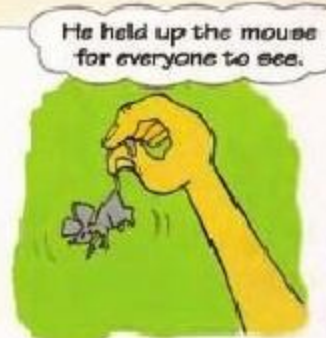
□ **hold up** = lift; raise; put up

The soldier was holding up the flag.

The class became silent when the teacher held up his hand.

A: What do you do at your new job?

B: I stand on the sidewalk and hold up a sign advertising the restaurant.



□ **hurry up** = do something quickly

Hurry up, or we will be late!

You will miss the bus if you don't hurry up.

A: Let's hurry up and finish before dinner.

B: Good idea. I'm hungry!



□ **in a hurry** = in haste; in a rush

Why are you in such a hurry?
Don't be in such a hurry.

A: Why are you in a hurry?

B: My piano lesson starts in five minutes, so I have to run if I don't want to be late.



□ **in a moment** = in a short time; in a second/minute; soon

I'll be with you in a moment.
She'll be back in a moment.

A: Can I have a large cola please?

B: Yes. I'll bring it to you in a moment.



□ **in case of** = in the event something happens; if

In case of an emergency, press the red button.
In case of fire, do not use the elevator.

A: Please call 911 in case of a robbery.

B: Okay. I'll remember that.



□ **in fact** = as a matter of fact; actually; in reality

I really like you. In fact, I love you!
It rained a lot yesterday. In fact, it was the wettest day of the year so far.

A: This is a great birthday party. Is Heinrich going to come too?

B: Yes, he is. In fact, here he comes now!



□ **in front of** = before; ahead of

The conductor stood **in front of** the orchestra.
She stood **in front of** the mirror.

A: I'll meet you **in front of** the school at three o'clock.
B: Okay. I'll see you then.

There is a dinosaur in front of the house.



□ **in general** = as a whole; overall; for the most part

In general, I like cats.
The movie was, **in general**, not very interesting.

A: Do you like France?
B: I like Europe **in general**, because each country is interesting.

In general, Asian food is less fattening than western food.



□ **in harmony (with)** = in a friendly relationship with; in accord with

Dogs live **in harmony** with humans.
The two countries worked **in harmony**.

A: I'm glad that Jack and Jill got married.
B: Yes. I hope that they can live **in harmony**.



It is important that we live **in harmony** with nature.

□ **in honor of** = giving respect to; remembering

They had a party **in honor of** the man's retirement.
The president gave a speech **in honor of** the soldiers.

A: My parents **have been** married for twenty five years.
B: You should have a party **in honor of** their anniversary.

We lit the candle **in honor of** our grandmother.



□ **in just a minute** = in a short time; shortly

We will be leaving in just a minute.
The movie will be starting in just a minute.

A: Can you help me with this program?

B: I'll be there in just a minute.

In just a minute,
it will be
midnight.



□ **in search of** = trying to find; looking for

We went in search of a good Italian restaurant.
They went to Africa in search of the white elephant.

A: It's late. Why are you here at the store?

B: We were watching a video and we got hungry, so we're here in search of snacks.

The helicopter went in search of the people missing in the mountains.



□ **in silence** = silently; not speaking; without a sound

They walked down the road in silence.
The family ate in silence.

A: Do you mind if I turn on the radio?

B: Actually, I prefer to study in silence.

The boy behaved badly, so his mother made him sit in silence.



□ **in the meantime** = meanwhile; while

My car is in the shop. I am using my sister's in the meantime.
I will be late for the meeting. In the meantime, discuss next month's agenda.

A: I know we should go to the store, but first I have to wash these clothes.

B: Okay, I'll read my book in the meantime.

He had to wait for the bus. In the meantime, he read the paper.



Practice

A. Match each word with its meaning.

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| 1. ___ hear of | a. to try to find something |
| 2. ___ help yourself to | b. while waiting for something to occur |
| 3. ___ hold on | c. to be familiar with |
| 4. ___ in search of | d. to get something without assistance |
| 5. ___ in the meantime | e. to be patient for something to happen |

B. Choose the best answer.

- The man is **experiencing** difficulty with his car engine.
a. in a hurry
b. in harmony with
c. having trouble with
d. holding up
- The girl was surprised to **get a letter** from her old boyfriend.
a. be absent from
b. hang up
c. give back
d. hear from
- My mother gave us hamburgers and said, "**Here is your lunch.**"
a. Hurry up
b. Here you are
c. Don't mention it
d. Congratulations on
- If **there is** rainy weather, the game will be cancelled.
a. In a moment
b. For the time being
c. In case of
d. For sure
- The presentation was not boring. **In reality**, I learned a lot.
a. In fact
b. In general
c. In silence
d. In honor of

The Seal's Skin

Read the following story.

¹ **H**ave you *heard of* the story about the man who got married to a seal? He lived alone in his house by the sea, fishing and dreaming of the day he would get married. However, he *had trouble with* women. *In general*, he was very shy *in front of* women. *In fact*, if any woman talked to him, he would sweat and he could not speak.

² One day, the man was walking on the beach *in search of* a good place to fish. Then he saw a cave. In front of the cave there was a pile of seal skins. The man heard the sound of laughing and singing inside the cave. He had an idea. A seal's skin would be good to wear *in case of* snow. He *helped himself to* one of the skins, ran home, and put it in a large box. Then he locked the box with a key.

³ *In the meantime*, a naked woman stood outside the cave crying. She could not find her seal skin, and all of her friends and family had left her there.

⁴ The man returned to the cave and found the woman crying. He asked her, "Why are you crying?" but she did not say anything. She was very cold.

⁵ The man said, "*Hold on*. I have a blanket. You can wear it to keep yourself warm. *Here you are*." He gave the woman the blanket. Then the man told the woman that she could stay at his house. They walked back along the beach to his house *in silence*.

⁶ Because the woman *did not* talk much, the man was very comfortable around her. Soon they fell in love. They got married and lived *in harmony with*

each other for many years.

⁷ One day the man was getting ready to go to church in *honor of* a special holiday. "*Hurry up!*" he called to his wife.

⁸ However, his wife did not feel well. She said, "I want to lie down. You go now. I will catch up with you *in just a minute*."

⁹ The man left. The wife's headache became worse, so she began looking for some medicine. While she was looking, she found the key to the box. Because the man was *in a hurry* to leave for church, he forgot the key at home. The wife opened the large box. There was her lost seal skin! She *held up* the skin and cried with happiness.

¹⁰ She ran to the beach, put on her skin, and jumped into the sea. *In a moment* she was with her seal family again. The man never *heard from* her again. However, every time the man would go out fishing, a seal would always swim around the boat watching him.

