

## The Office - Malfunction (C0057)

- A: Hey Carl, can you make a copy of this contract for me please? When you have it ready, send it out ASAP to our subbranch.
- B: Sure! Um... I think I broke this thing. Maxine, can you help me out here? I'm not really a tech guy.
- C: Yeah, sure. I think it's just out of toner. You can go use the other one upstairs. On your way up, can you fax this while I try and fix this thing?
- B: Sure! Dammit! Everything in this office seems to be breaking down! Never mind. I'll send this stupid fax later. Oh great! Is someone playing a practical joke on me? This is ridiculous!
- D: The elevator has some sort of malfunction. Just take the stairs dude. What floor are you going to?

B: I have to go up fifteen floors! Never mind. Made it! There is the copier!

## Key Vocabulary

ASAP	<i>phrase</i>	as soon as possible
tech	<i>common noun, non- variable</i>	technology
toner	<i>common noun, non- variable</i>	ink used in a printer or photocopier
on (some- one's) way	<i>phrase</i>	while moving from one place to another
break down	<i>verb</i>	suddenly stop working
never mind	<i>phrase</i>	forget the last thing I said; don't worry about it
practical joke	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a joke where something is done, rather than said
ridiculous	<i>Adjective</i>	very unreasonable or silly

<b>malfunction</b>	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a problem causing a thing to stop working properly
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## Supplementary Vocabulary

<b>bug</b>	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a technical problem that causes a computer or system to not work properly
<b>office equipment</b>	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	tools used in an office
<b>paper jam</b>	<i>common noun, singular</i>	paper getting stuck in a photocopier, fax machine, or printer
<b>damage</b>	<i>verb</i>	break or harm something, make something not work properly, or not look perfect
<b>power surge</b>	<i>common noun, singular</i>	an increase in electrical current that can damage electric equipment



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## breakdown

*common  
noun, singular*

the act of a machine suddenly not working properly