

:: Summary

This post explains some of the theories regarding the origin of the expression “I’m stumped.” Some say that it came from the time when roads were first being built in the United States and wagons would get stuck in mud. The more reliable theory is that it came from when plows would hit tree stumps and get stuck. This post also gives examples of how this expression is used.

:: Exercises

Translate and fill in:

1. preso

2. ruas

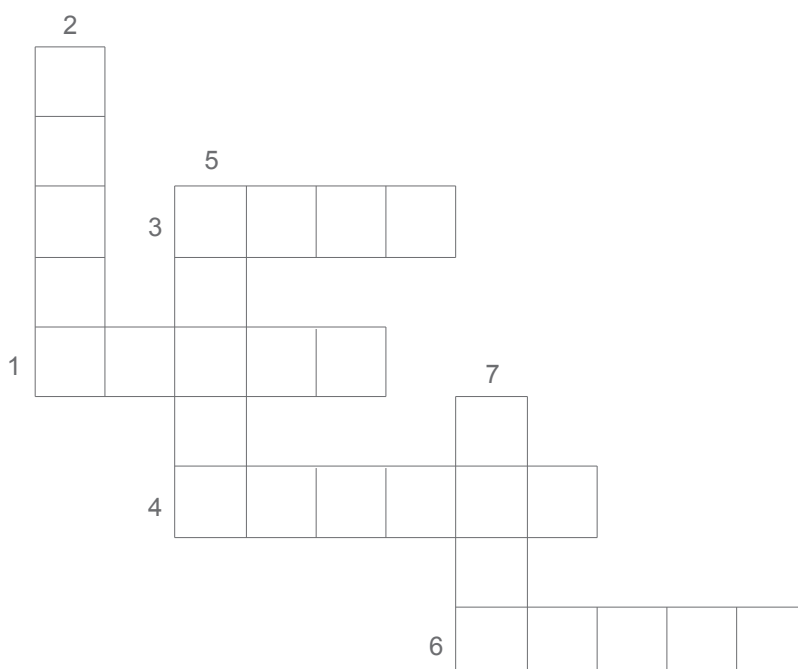
3. solo

4. enigma

5. a base de uma
árvore cortada.

6. carroça

7. arado



:: Vocab words

inches	polegadas
soil softened	solo amolecido
get stuck	ficar presas
along	junto
accurate	exato
reliable	confiável
fields	campos
road system	sistema de estradas

unable	incapaz
confounded	confundido
least	mínimo
cut down	derrubada
regarding	relativas
sawn down	serradas
mud	lama
stumps	pedaço de madeira

Answers 1. stuck 2. roads 3. soil 4. puzzle 5. stump 6. wagon 7. plow