

### Tips of the tongue

- A type of speech production error (*thus related to chapter 7*)
- A type of lexical error (*thus related to chapter 4*)

– See pg. 170 for more

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### Sample definitions that can induce TOTs

- Harness that goes over the necks of oxen
- A viewing toy for producing symmetrical designs through an arrangement of colored chips and mirrors
- An instrument for turning pancakes, eggs, etc.
- Lying flat on one's back
- Mortarlike material used to fill spaces between tiles
- A device that musicians use for keeping time
- A bottle for pouring oil
- A fireplace tool for making a fire hotter by blowing air on it

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### Sample definitions that can induce TOTs

- A natural hot spring that intermittently ejects a column of water and steam into the air
- Glowing wire inside a light bulb
- A latticed arrangement of wood strips used in the garden for climbing plants
- Chess term for a game that is a draw because there is no permissible move
- The poison that Socrates drank

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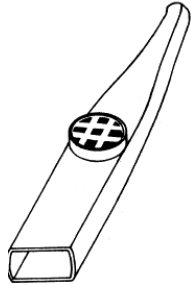
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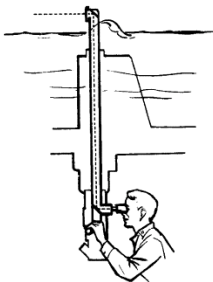
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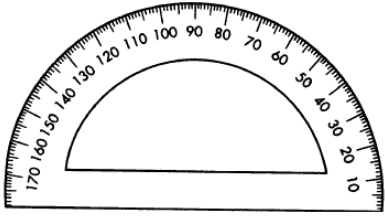
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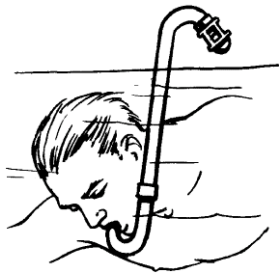
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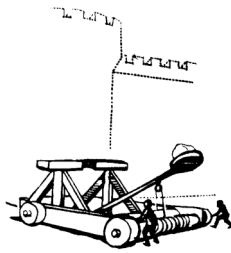
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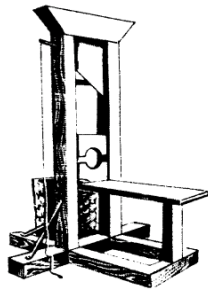
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### Pictures for TOTs



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### Facts about TOTs

- Partial information for either sound or meaning without complete access
  - Beginning letter
  - Number of syllables
- Implies access to part of the word, but failure to access sound pattern

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### Word factors that influence TOTs

- Word frequency
- Word age-of-acquisition
- Lexical neighborhood
- Stress pattern

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## Facts about the individual that influence TOTs

- Age
- Disorder
- Other factors

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## Examples of Mondegreens

- “Gladly, the cross-eyed bear”  
– “*Gladly The Cross I’d Bear*”
- “Bring me an iron lung”  
– “*Bring me a higher love*” Steve Winwood
- “Excuse me while I kiss this guy”  
– “*Excuse me while I kiss the sky*” Jimi Hendrix song “*Purple Haze*”
- “Round John Virgin”  
– “*Silent Night*”
- “from sea to Chinese sea”  
– “*America the Beautiful*”
- “In Fields of Goo.”  
– Sting, “*Fields of Gold*”
- Sousa march - “Tarzan Strikes Forever”

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## What was said vs. what was transcribed

- bookmark it → book market
- Motorola → motor roll a
- modem port → mode import
- a procedure → upper seizure
- and then stick it in the mail → and dense thicket in the mail
- movie clips → move eclipse
- I might add → I my dad
- inscrutable → in screw double
- hyphenate → - 8
- suffocate → Suffolk 8
- a case we summarily dismissed → a case we so merrily dismissed
- or take a shower → Ortega shower
- the right or left → the writer left
- oxymoron → ax a moron
- ArialPhone guy → aerial fungi

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