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HE GOT COLD FEET



WOMAN: I hear your plans to change jobs have fallen through. I thought you had your heart set on taking that offer in Paris.

MAN : Well, I did. But I got cold feet when it actually came down to pulling up stakes and moving overseas.

WOMAN: That must have been a real letdown for your wife. Wasn't she sold on the idea?

MAN : She was at first. But we both started having second thoughts about it.

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to fall through To fail; to come to nothing.

to have one's heart To want to do something very

set on badly.

to pull up stakes To leave home for another place.

letdown A disappointment.

to be sold on To be convinced of something.

"have second thoughts" "Change one's mind"

- Hadn't the man been planning to change jobs? Who had been planning to take a new job? What had the man been planning to do?
- 4 The man's plans fell through, didn't they? Whose plans to change jobs didn't work out? What happened to the man's plans to change jobs?
- 7 Did the man have his heart set on going to Paris? Who wanted to take an offer in Paris? Where did the man have his heart set on going?

- 10 The man didn't get cold feet, did he?
 Who had second thoughts about making the change?
 What did the man get cold feet about?
- Was the man reluctant to pull up stakes?
 Who was hesitant to move overseas?
 How did the man feel about pulling up stakes?
- Who did the woman think was disappointed?
 Who thought it was a letdown for the man's wife?
 Who was sold on the idea at first?
- 19 Did the man and his wife have second thoughts? Who got cold feet about moving to Paris? Why did the couple have second thoughts?

Add "Ask somebody..." to italicized forms.

- Did the man's plans to change jobs fall through?
 ...who heard the man's plans had fallen through.
 ...to ask you if your plans often fall through.
- Who had his heart set on working in Paris?
 ...what the man had his heart set on doing.
 ...to ask you what you have your heart set on.

- 7 Who got cold feet when it came down to moving?
 ...what caused the man to get cold feet.
 ...to ask you what would give you cold feet.
- 10 Who decided not to pull up stakes and go to Paris?
 ...what the man and his wife won't do.
 ...if it's easy to pull up stakes and move.
- 13 Was the decision a letdown for the man's wife?
 ...who thought the change in plans was a letdown.
 ...who the woman thought it was a letdown for.
- 16 Was the man's wife sold on the idea at first?
 ...who was sold on the idea of going to Paris.
 ...if he's sold on the idea of learning English.
- 19 Didn't they both start having second thoughts?
 ...what they both had second thoughts about.
 ...to ask somebody who had second thoughts.

Act out the dialog again with the following substitutions. Be sure to make appropriate changes in the dialog where necessary.

- (1) to buy a house mortgage payments
- (2) go to graduate school too late