



Get cold feet

Definition

Cold feet is a phrase which refers to a person not going through with an action, particularly one which requires long term commitment, due to fear, uncertainty, and doubt. A common use of the phrase is when people fear the commitment of marriage and get "cold feet" before a wedding ceremony.



1. Read the conversation

A: When are we going to get a new car?
B: I don't know. We can't afford it now that you've stopped work.

A: Did you talk to your boss today?

B: Yes.

A: Did you ask him for more money?

B: Well...

A: Oh, David, you promised!

B: I didn't promise...

A: Yes, you did. You were going to tell him you'd leave if he didn't give you a pay rise.

B: Well that wouldn't do much good, would it? If I ended up losing my job we'd have no money, at all.

A: Oh, come on, stop making excuses. You didn't say anything because you got cold feet again. No courage, that's your trouble.

3. Any more idioms from the episode?

2. Have you ever gotten cold feet?

Make and conduct a dialogue in pairs.