

Part 1. Getting Cold Feet

get/have cold feet can/can't afford deep down for good
have second thoughts be dying to do something
be just about ready to do something be kind of/be sort of
call off calm down

1. Mini-Dialogues

Read the sentences in Column A. Choose the best response from Column B. Not all responses can be used.

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| 1. He has two cars and a boat – and he works in a fast-food restaurant! | a. Well, go get yourself a glass of water! |
| 2. Dad, I'm dying of thirst. | b. No, I'll get someone else to come with me. I know that deep down you really just want to stay home. |
| 3. I thought you were going to make a speech in front of all the teachers. | c. It's kind of difficult. |
| 4. What are you doing here? I thought you were on a trip. | d. How can he afford those things? |
| 5. All right. I'll go with you. | e. I didn't go because I had second thoughts about spending all that money. |
| A | f. I was, but I got cold feet. |

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| 1. I'm not staying here for good. I want to see the world. | a. That's right. And I was sort of happy that they called it off because I didn't really want to go. |
| 2. I'm dying to meet her. Can you introduce us? | b. Do your parents know what you want to do? |
| 3. We were just about to go to bed when the earthquake hit. | c. What did you do? |
| 4. I heard they canceled the party. | d. What should I do? |
| 5. The kids are really excited. Can you calm them down? | e. You couldn't afford to go. |
| B | f. Well, I don't know. She already has a boyfriend. |

2. Choosing the Idiom

Rick and Jana are getting married today, and Tim and Rick are talking before the ceremony. Fill in the blanks with the best possible expressions from the list. Pay special attention to how the expressions are used grammatically. You may need to consider verb tenses, subject-verb agreement, pronouns, etc.



**be about to be dying to calm down cold feet
(negative) have second thoughts kind of**

TIM: Still have _____?

RICK: No. And I _____ either. I feel great.

TIM: I can see that. You look really happy. So does Jana.

RICK: Where is she? Did you see her?

TIM: Oh, yeah. But *you* can't till the ceremony.

RICK: That's a crazy superstition. Show me where she is. I _____ see her.

TIM: Oh, no. Her mother would be really mad. She believes it's bad luck if the bride and groom see each other before the ceremony.

RICK: Did she really say that? I can't believe it! Hey – you have the rings, don't you?

TIM: The rings? Uh-oh! I think I left them at home. I _____ put them in my pocket when my phone rang . . .

