



## 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.**