



Worksheet 5. Reading 1 and Reading 2: Conversation practice

Complete each conversation with the most logical phrase from the list.

a cold fish
a hot line
a hot potato
a hot shot

gave me the cold shoulder
got cold feet
got hot around the collar
left out in the cold

1. Sam: Tom got so angry at the meeting!
Ann: Yes, he sure _____. It made everyone very uncomfortable.
2. Jim: So when are Hank and Mary getting married?
Tim: They broke up. Mary _____ and told Hank she was scared of getting married.
3. Sue: Why aren't the candidates talking about raising taxes?
Irv: Oh, that subject is _____ around here. Nobody wants to be the one who suggests higher taxes, even though it's necessary.
4. Lil: Are you going to the party on Saturday?
Sal: What party? I haven't been invited to any party. I've been _____ again.
5. Lou: Did you talk to Margie over the weekend?
Ted: I tried to, but she _____. I don't know why she didn't speak to me.
6. Ali: I'm trying to quit smoking, but at night I get a very strong desire to smoke. I wish I could talk to someone in the middle of the night.
Dan: Well, there's _____ for people to talk to advisors about this—any time of the day or night.
7. Ben: Do you think we can persuade Professor Suarez to postpone the quiz?
Eva: I don't think anybody can persuade him to do anything. Nobody can reach his heart. He's such _____.
8. Jen: What's Dave Brown been doing since graduation? Remember what _____ he was on the basketball team?
Ken: I sure do remember. But now he's having a hard time. He didn't make his college team, and he's not doing well in his classes.