

# VI18

## PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS

### BEGINNER

**Cook up** --- to invent, to create a plan

èHe cooked up a scheme to reduce the tax.

èHow did you cook it up by yourself?

**Map out** --- to set or establish a plan for

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### INTERMEDIATE

**Pull all one's eggs in one basket**---- to place all one's faith or money in one action.

èIt's not wise to pull all your eggs in one basket at an early age.

èMike pull all his eggs in one basket when he bet a thousand dollars.

**Irons in the fire** ---any activities or options at one time.

èShe got many irons in the fire pursuing lots of careers.

**Pipe dream** ----- an impossible hope or expectation

èHollywood is just a pipe dream for you.  
èYou should give up your pipe dreams and get real!

**Miss the boat** ----miss or loses a good opportunity

è I'm sure you don't want to miss the boat.  
è She refused the offer that's why she missed the boat.

**Activity 1 Pronunciation Drill**

**Activity 2 Sentence Drill**

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èthey left on the spur of the moment .  
è on the spur of the moment, Jeff and Yuri decided to dinner out.

**Play it by ear**—to adjust plans as events develop

è I have no ideas about this...Let's just play it by ear.  
èthe presenter was forced to play the rest of it by ear because of the technical problem.

**Be in the air**--- to be undecided, left hanging

è the result of my job interview is still up in the air.  
è My application for my fiancé visa is still up in the air.

**Be iffy** --- to be questionable

è It's iffy whether we'll get the bonus this year?  
èFriday is iffy for badminton.

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