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Translate the underlined slang!

My parents threw a fit when they heard my sister had eloped.

Keep your shirt on, your turn is coming next.

Don't work yourself into a tizzy just because you did badly on one test.

I don't feel like I know Jill even though I've worked with her for over a year. She's a real cold fish.

My dad had a cow when he saw how much Mom paid for my new Nikes.

It's a done deal.

Make a sentence with these words. Try using different verb tenses in each sentence.

1-I / read / story

2-He/ buy/ house

3-Mr. Brown / make/ sandwich

4-She / write/ letter

5-She /cook/ dinner

6-She /brush/ teeth

7-Tina/ took/ magazine

8-Jim / bring/ water

9-John / ask/ question

10-Dad / tell/ secret

Now make new sentences by adding an object pronoun (her, him, me, you, them, us, it)

Example: teacher/ give / dictionary The teacher gave us a dictionary.

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Conversation

Ben: What have we here? Take a look at this, Tony. It looks like our secretary has been looking for another job.

Tony: I can't believe my eyes. This is a list of all the lawyers she has interviewed with already. According to this calendar, she is on an interview right now!

Ben: Oh well. She's not that great a secretary anyway.

Tony: That's beside the point. She is making fools of us. She should have told us she was leaving.

Ben: I knew this might happen when I told her we couldn't give her a raise.

Tony: She plans to have another job before she tells us she is quitting.

Ben: Well, that makes sense. Wouldn't you do the same?

Questions

1. What did Ben find?
2. Where is the secretary right now?
3. Does Ben think she is a good secretary?
4. Why is the secretary looking for a job?
5. Do you agree that the secretary is "making a fool" out of Ben and Tony?
6. Does Ben think it is fair for her to look for a new job before she quits this one?
7. Do you think it is fair for the secretary to search for a new job while she still has a job?
8. Should Ben and Tony give the secretary time off to look for a new job?
9. When was the last time you made a fool of yourself?
10. Have you ever looked for a new job before you left your old one?
11. Are there organizations in your country to help you find a job?
12. Do you think it is more difficult to find a job in your country or in the US?
13. Do you think most people find jobs because of who they know, not what they know?
14. Which of the following would be most helpful in finding a job:
 - networking
 - internet search
 - using a "head hunter" service
 - doing temporary work in hopes of getting hired
 - putting an ad in the paper
 - mailing resumes out to companies you want to work for