

# 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

- èThe Lawyer drew up a formal contract.
- èThe committee drew a plan up to fight for terrorism.

**Activity 1 Pronunciation Drill**  
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### INTERMEDIATE

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

- è It'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.

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### ADVANCED

**On the spur of the moment** ---spontaneously, without previous planning

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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