

VIP LESSON 001 - Alimony

Dialog:

A: Why is Kevin selling his house?

B: He's getting a divorce and says he won't be able to pay for it after he pays **alimony** and **child support**.

A: Why is he getting a divorce?

B: His wife fell in love with someone else and wants a divorce.

A: So then why does he have to pay her if she's the one who initiated it?

B: It doesn't matter. He makes a lot more money than she does and will have to pay a lot to maintain her standard of living. They've already settled out of court and he said he really **got screwed** by her lawyer.

A: Didn't he sign a **pre-nup**?

B: No.

A: I bet he's kicking himself now.

B: Oh fo sho

Phrases and Vocabulary Used:

Alimony: Financial payments made from one spouse to another after a divorce. The point of alimony is to maintain the person's standard of living.

Child support: After a divorce, if one parent gets custody of the child, the other parent will have to pay "child support". This is money to help raise the child.

Initiated: Initiated basically means "brought up" or "started". For example, if someone initiates a fight, it means they started the fight.

Got screwed: This is a slang term that basically means "got a very bad deal".

You really got screwed by that salesman. You paid more than twice the price you should have.

Prenup: This is short for "prenuptial agreement". This is a legal document that is signed before a marriage. It's an agreement about what happens after a divorce.



VIP LESSON 001 - Alimony

Kicking himself: If someone is "kicking himself" about something it means he is regretting a decision that he made. He's been really kicking himself about not selling that stock last month. He's lost over half his money since then.

Oh fo sho: This is a slang expression that means "oh for sure". It means you totally agree with something. It's quite funny to use amongst friends. You'll probably often here it in the movies or on tv as well.

FULL PODCAST TRANSCRIPT:

Lesson number one here of the VIP room at China 232.com this it's really the same thing, but a lot better I don't even know exactly how yet, but I just, I can feel the energy. I think just because it's VIP it's better it already feels better to me somehow. It does feel better, Add we get a phenomenal dialogue here thanks everybody who's supporting us, which is everyone who's listening this gonna be unbelievable. Let's just dive into the dialogue add because there's so much really to talk about after it that I can't even really wait. Right well why don't we just jump right in.

A: Why is Kevin selling his house?

B: He's getting a divorce and says he won't be able to pay for it after he pays alimony and child support.

A: Why is he getting a divorce?

B: His wife fell in love with someone else and wants a divorce.

A: So then why does he have to pay her if she's the one who **initiated** it?

B: It doesn't matter. He makes a lot more money than she does and will have to pay a lot to maintain her standard of living. They've already settled out of court and he said he really **got screwed** by her lawyer.

A: Didn't he sign a **pre-nup**?

B: No.

A: I bet he's **kicking himself** now.

B: Oh fo sho



VIP LESSON 001 - Alimony

Oh fo sho indeed. Great dialog here unfortunate for Kevin though I feel bad for the poor guy. Atleast this isn't a real story and it didn't really happen to Kevin but it could have, couldn't it?

there's a lot of Kevins out there listening to this who this probably has happened to. I hope it won't happen to me one day. probably will Though Add. I can't stay with women very well. Right, you normally drop the ball in this sort of situation don't you? - Yeah, I certainly do. Anyway, so the first one here "alimony". Alimony sucks is the first thing to know if you're the one paying it. But I guess on the bright side, if you're the one getting it, I guess it's pretty good. Right, so what you're getting here is any kind of financial payment made from one spouse to another after a divorce, but why would you be getting this payment is the question. Well the person who makes more money, the idea is they can't just keep all the money and after the divorce happens so they have to pay the other person to maintain their standard of living. That's really the idea of the alimony. so that when you are married. you kind of shared your money. Doesn't matter who made what and then after the divorce, you still have to keep paying this person the money so that basically you can live the same lifestyle. And somehow it's weird like after divorces especially in the US and Canada. I don't know how it is in other countries, but divorces cost a lot. you know, you can have these two people making a lot of money. And they have to sell their house and sell everything and they both seem kind of poor at the end of it. Right, their standard of living isn't really what it was before even close. So I think many people stay together just because they don't want to have to pay this alimony, which isn't good at all. Yeah, exactly and the next one that sucks is paying child support. If you did happen to have a kid, a child during the marriage which has been known to happen Add, alright many people get married for this reason, yeah they have kids they get a divorce and the one who gets custody of the child, the one who gets to keep the kid, the other one has to pay them child-support which is more money to help raise the kid. At least that's the point of it. Instead of going to the beer store and buying beer. You're supposed to be buying shoes and stuff for the kid. Right, anything the kid needs, you're supposed be paying for it. Some kind of support. Alimony for the children, more money is what it means at the end of it. Alright, so the idea here too in this dialog is Add's kind of wondering well why is Kevin having to sell the house, why is paying because his wife is the one who wanted the divorce she initiated it, this is the word we're using. She fell in love with another guy. I don't know why, what Kevin did or maybe, who knows what he did, but maybe he didn't do very much and that was the problem. Yeah maybe he wasn't very romantic who knows...but anyway...so the wife falls in love with another quy, she wants the divorce, which means she initiated it she started it that's what initiated means. she's the one who started it. We use this with divorced, arguments you initiated that, fights... you know... he initiated the fight it means they started it. Or, if you initiated something else you bring it up, you just bring up the idea. Or you initiated the conversation you started the conversation, can be used in this way as well. Very good point Add, very nice. The next one here we are talking about they settled out of court, I didn't highlight this one, but that just means you didn't actually go to court and



VIP LESSON 001 - Alimony

pay the lawyers... this can save money. Sometimes you get in this terrible long court battle..it's really emotional and expensive.... fighting over who gets what money and so on. You know, these two decided to just settle out of court, which means make an agreement on how much money they're going to pay with their lawyers. They're probably outside of the court, and Kevin at the end of the day savs he feels he really got screwed by her lawyer....and this. This is a slang term, if you really get screwed by something, it means you got the bad deal....Right, you get the short end of the stick. It wasn't to your favour...The terms of the deal wasn't very good for you. Yeah, if you got screwed you got a bad deal... if you screw somebody else it means you give them a bad deal. You got a good deal atleast. Yeah if you....you could say that salesman really screwed you on that, or you really got screwed by that salesman, that means you got a bad deal, he or she got a good deal. There is a sexual way of using this which we don't really need to say. I'm sure you guys can kind of get it. But that's really literally what getting screwed means, but it's also a bad deal. Ahhh, yeah, so not a good thing in this sense anyway. Not in this one...And poor Kevin did not sign a prenup. What is a prenup? Well that's just short for prenuptial agreement and its just a legal document that is signed before marriage basically saying that. You know, you can keep certain money and whatever after a divorce if it happens in the future. Right, so a prenup, this is a short form and as Add said it's an agreement you sign the agreement and usually people going into a marriage... Sometimes one person has a lot more money than the other one. And there may be concerned about what's gonna happen to this if they get a divorce in the future. So they sign this agreement meaning that the person if they do get a divorce can't take all your stuff, and sometimes it doesn't happen....and a lot of people don't like to sign it's not the most romantic thing to talk about... getting a prenup. I know before you're even married you're saying, well, let's get married, but well while we might get divorced, so let's think about that too so then why are we even getting married, so it's kind of a weird one. It's a touchy subject for sure, but what can you do add? I would sign one if I had a lot of money. But if I married a rich chick probably I'd be pushing to not sing one. I actually would sign one I think and then I think afterwards I would fight and say that I still should get some more money because you can do that even after you get a divorce... you sign a prenup. You can do a renegotiation, which isn't very fun for anybody... now that does happen a lot... I don't think Add would really do that...of course not...just for fun here in the dialog... so Kevin did not sign the prenup, a lot of guys don't..and Add says, I bet he's kicking himself now, this is another good phrase... if you regret a decision if you think you did something stupid in the past, and you're feeling bad about that. We say you're kicking yourself... it means you're just feeling bad about it. Almost hurting yourself, you're beating yourself up, you're thinking about it. You know you're upset about it. You're not really over it... your you're disappointed and you're still feeling bad about it. Exactly...you're that mad that you almost feel like hitting yourself, and hurting yourself physically, because of something so dumb that you did that you almost want to kick yourself. Right, it's actually hard to kick yourself but we get the idea....you could say he's really been kicking himself about not selling the



VIP LESSON 001 - Alimony

stock last month... he's lost over half his money since then... I think we all know about this feeling...Ahh..certainly recently in the way the economy's gone anyway I bet....Well the stocks are going up now but I mean who knows how long that's going for. Well, maybe you'll be kicking yourself because you didn't sell right now...Oh fo sho..

exactly....Which is the last one..this I kind of threw in the dialog for fun...I saw it on TV and it just means 0h, for sure, but it is a slang term and you might hear that... it means basically, I totally agree with you, that definitely happened. It's hard to really explain where to use this. But if you hear it, it just means basically that like. I agree with it 100%. you might hear it in movies and on TV....It's just a fun thing to say really...Oh fo sho....Exactly, it's the way you say it...it's just kind of fun between friends you might say this. Yeah, so just a reminder to everyone. I'm sure you know this, but now with this VIP section, you can get the entire transcript on China232.com, which means absolutely every word that we're saying. Most of the time we don't even know we don't even know what we'll be talking about... And Add has to go through and write down all the words all the phrases that we're using kind of the stuff I'm saying right now. And I don't even know what I'm saying Add. Exactly. He's really babbling right now and I'm gonna have to write it down so more work for me I suppose.... Yep, well I'm glad you're doing that....and send us all your questions and comments...we'll try and keep improving this.. thanks again for the support. Lesson number one coming to a close Add.... we got number two coming up in a moment