

Lesson 2

READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

Harry's Hobby

Mary never dreamed that she would ever worry about her husband Harry. Harry was one of those staid people who plodded through life without wavering from a predictable path.

But during a visit to Hawaii, a catastrophe occurred. Harry became infatuated with big goldfish. “No,” she said to herself, “that’s not exactly true.” Harry fell in love with exotic Japanese koi, which are only distant cousins to goldfish.

Harry has now become a different person. He is impulsively digging up a large portion of their back yard to make a pond. He wants to make a perfect spot for the koi he plans to import. He has hired a contractor to install special filters and pumps to keep the pond water fresh and pure. Mary has dropped subtle hints that Harry is investing way too much money in his new hobby.

But Harry has become quite knowledgeable about Koi. He says that koi can live for 200 years. They can grow up to three feet long if the pond is large enough. Harry says they will eat almost anything, even oatmeal.

When you take all of that into consideration, Harry thinks koi are a bargain. But Mary doesn't. What do you think Mary should do?