

TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn about the weather and its idioms.
Key Goals	<p>Here is the outline of what you will learn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English idioms with connection to the weather <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Some idioms with the rain 1.2 Some idioms with the wind 1.3 Some idioms with the clouds 1.4 Some idioms with the storm

1. English idioms with connection to the weather

There are many expressions in connection to the weather. Let's try to learn a few.

1.1 Some idioms with the rain

As right as rain

- to feel OK
- Example: I no longer have a headache; I'm as right as rain.

It's raining cats and dogs

- it's raining very hard
- Example: Don't go outside now, it's raining cats and dogs.

Come rain or shine

- somebody will be there no matter what the weather is like
- Example: I'll be there to stand by you come rain or shine.

It never rains but it pours

- when things go very wrong, usually together with other bad things
- Example: First he broke his leg and then he got a fever. It never rains but it pours.

Save for a rainy day

- to save something in case we might need it.
- Example: Don't spend everything at once. You should save for a rainy day.

Take a rain check

- decline something now but reserve the right to use it in the future
- Example: Thanks for inviting me to the party but I can't this week. Can I take a rain check on that?

Exercise:

Use a suitable idiom to replace the sentence.

- As right as rain
- save for a rainy day
- raining cats and dogs

1. I need to put some money away in case something unexpected happens.

I need to _____.

2. It is raining so hard today.

It is _____ today.

3. I feel excellent.

I feel _____.

1.2 Some idioms with the wind

Be a breeze

- when something is very easy to do
- Example: Our German test was a breeze. I did not believe it would be that easy.

Get wind of

- to hear about a certain secret
- Example: He got wind about his friend's wife was cheating on him.

Throw caution to the wind

- to not take your responsibilities seriously
- Example: He threw caution to the wind and stopped taking his job seriously.

1.3 Some idioms with the clouds

Every cloud has a silver lining

- there is always something positive in bad things
- Example: I lost my jacket, but every cloud has a silver lining and now I will finally buy a new one.

Have your head in the clouds

- not to be in touch with the reality
- Example: He lost his connection with the reality; he is not thinking realistically about things anymore.

On cloud nine

- to be very happy.
- Example: They were all on cloud nine when they heard the happy news about the baby.

1.4 Some idioms with the storm

Calm before the storm

- a peaceful period before something big happens
- Example: Teachers at school were enjoying in the calm before the storm before the children arrived back to school after their summer holidays.

Steal someone's thunder

- to take attention away from somebody
- Example: She looked so pretty in her red dress that she completely stole the bride's thunder.

Storm in a teacup

- making a little problem bigger than it actually is
- Example: Why is he creating such a storm in a teacup; the problem is really not all that serious.

Storm is brewing

- something is going to turn bad
- Example: I could see from their serious faces that the storm was brewing.

Exercise:

Use a suitable idiom to replace the sentence.

Change the form of the idiom in accordance with the sentence.

- To be a breeze
- Have your head in the clouds
- On cloud nine

1. She has totally lost the idea for the real world.

She _____.

2. He is in love and he is very happy.

He is in love and _____.

3. This task is really straightforward.

This task _____.

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