

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> <p>1. English idioms with connection to the weather</p> <p>1.1 Some idioms with the rain</p> <p>1.2 Some idioms with the wind</p> <p>1.3 Some idioms with the clouds</p> <p>1.4 Some idioms with the storm</p>

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 _____.

Answers:

1. Save for a rainy day.
2. Raining cats and dogs
3. As right as the rain.

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 _____.

Answers:

1. has her head in the clouds
2. on cloud nine
3. Is a breeze

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