

Weather Idioms

English Vocabulary

Below is a list of the most commonly used idioms about the weather in English:

As right as rain: to feel fine and healthy.

- Don't worry about me, I'm as right as rain after my knee operation.

Be a breeze: to be very easy to do.

- Our English exam was a breeze. I'm sure I'll get top marks.

Be snowed under: to have so much to do that you are having trouble doing it all.

- I'm snowed under at work right now because two of my colleagues are on holiday.

Break the ice: to say or do something to make someone feel relaxed or at ease in a social setting.

- He offered to get her a drink to help break the ice.

Calm before the storm: the quiet, peaceful period before a moment of great activity or mayhem.

- The in-laws were about to arrive with their kids so she sat on the sofa with a cup of coffee enjoying the calm before the storm.

Chase rainbows: when someone tries to do something that they will not achieve

- I think she's chasing rainbows if she thinks she can get into Oxford with her bad grades.

Come rain or shine: you can depend on someone to be there no matter what or whatever the weather.

- I'll be there to help you move house come rain or shine.

Every cloud has a silver lining: There is always something positive to come out of an unpleasant or difficult situation.

- I got laid off from work yesterday, but every cloud has a silver lining and now I can spend

more time writing my book.

Fair-weather friend: a person who is only your friend during good times or when things are going well for you but disappears when things become difficult or you have problems.

- She was a fair-weather friend because she was interested in me once I had lost my job.

Get wind of: to learn or hear of something that should be a secret.

- He got wind of the closure of the company so started looking for a new job immediately.

Have your head in the clouds^[1]: to be out of touch with reality . Your ideas may not be sensible or practical.

- He has his head in the clouds if he seriously thinks he's going to get a promotion soon.

It never rains but it pours: when things don't just go wrong but very wrong and other bad things happen too.

- First he lost his keys to the house, then his wallet and then his car broke down. It never rains but it pours.

It's raining cats and dogs^[2]: it's raining very hard.

- Take your umbrella and a jacket because it's raining cats and dogs outside.

On cloud nine: to be extremely happy.

- They were both on cloud nine during their honeymoon.

Put on ice: to postpone for another day.

- The project has been put on ice until our boss decides what to do next.

Ray of hope: there is a chance that something positive will happen.

- There is a ray of hope after all it looks like we won't be losing our jobs.

Save for a rainy day: to save for the future when it might suddenly be needed (unexpectedly).

- Don't spend your entire wage in one night. You should save for a rainy day.

Steal my thunder: when someone takes attention away from someone else.

- Don't wear that dress to the wedding; the bride won't like it because you'll be stealing her thunder.

Storm in a teacup: when someone makes a small problem larger than it really is.

Those two are always arguing about something; it's just a storm in a teacup.