

## **Weather Idioms:**

**These idioms use words *related* to the weather but are not always *about* the weather.**

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 got an A.

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 vacation.

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

At the party, Jim wanted to speak to Sally, so to break the ice, he asked if she enjoyed the music.

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

The neighbors and their five children were arriving in a few minutes so Linda 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 college with her bad grades.

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

I'll meet you at seven o'clock, 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.

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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.

Fred was a fair-weather friend because he wasn't interested in talking with me after I lost my high-paying job.

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

As soon as Joe caught wind of his friend's divorce, he called the man's ex-wife and asked her for a date.

Have your head in the clouds: to be out of touch of 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: 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.

Patty and Tom were both on cloud nine on their wedding day.