

Weather idioms

Match the following idioms with their definitions.

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| 1. weather a storm | a) misfortunes or difficult situations tend to follow each other |
| 2. a fair weather friend | b) overcome difficulties |
| 3. it never rains but it pours | c) an unreliable person |
| 4. to save up for a rainy day | d) to save money for a time when it might be needed unexpectedly |
| 5. every cloud has a silver lining | e) to understand how a situation is developing before taking action |
| 6. to see which way the wind is blowing | f) to be very happy |
| 7. to be on cloud nine | g) pursue an illusory goal |
| 8. chase rainbows | h) to be extremely busy |
| 9. brighten up the day | i) to make someone feel happier |
| 10. be snowed under | j) there is something good in everything that's bad |

Fill in the gaps with the idioms above. Use the necessary forms of the verbs.

- a) Listen, I _____ today with paperwork at the station. I won't be able to help you.
- b) When John was fired, the family had to _____ until he found a new job.
- c) I thought he was a great friend but he's really just a _____. He didn't even call or visit when I was in the hospital.
- d) I know you want to become an actor but I think you should stop _____ and get an office job.
- e) The grandmother _____ to see her grandson after a long time.
- f) Even though he had lost the match, he had gained in experience and was now more confident.
_____.
- g) First his girlfriend left him. Then somebody stole his car.
_____.
- h) My father sent me some money for my birthday. I think I _____ it _____.
- i) Janice is such a cheerful person. Talking to her always
_____.
- j) I think I _____ before I vote at the board meeting.