WEATHER IDIOMS

A. Match each picture with one of the phrases below and put the correct *number* on each picture.



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3. Brainstorm
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5. Come rain or shine
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9. Once in a blue moon
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11. Raining cats and dogs
12. Save up for a rainy day
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B. Now match the idioms (1-15) with their definitions (a-o).

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a) A lot of trouble about something unimportant
b) A quiet time just before problems start
c) At risk of upsetting or annoying someone
d) Every bad situation has a good aspect to it.
e) Extremely busy with work
f) Generate many ideas quickly
g) Get the conversation started; make people feel relaxed and willing to talk to each other
h) Have unrealistic ideas
i) Put some money aside for whenever it may be needed
j) Raining heavily
k) Something that will never happen
l) Unwell or ill
m) Very happy
n) Very rarely
o) Whatever happens

C. Complete the sentences with the correct weather idiom from exercise B.

1. Alex goes jogging every single morning, ...
2. Don't forget to take your umbrella - it's ..... out there.
3. He's skating ..... by lying to the police.
4. I'm feeling a bit ....., so I won't get out tonight.
5. It will be ..... when they win the national championship.
6. Michael thinks the company will pay for all of the expenses of his round-the-world trip. He must .....—they would never do that!
7. Mum is absolutely ..... at the moment.
8. My sister lives in Canada, so I only see her .....
9. Once you have the basic home comforts, it's important to .....
10. The concert has been cancelled, but ..... : I can join you on the trip instead.
11. The fight that Helen and Sandra had wasn't anything serious, just .....
12. The teacher told a few jokes at the beginning of the class to .....
13. The team got together to ..... ideas.
14. Things seem quiet in the office right now, but this is just .....
15. "Was Helen pleased about getting that job?" "Pleased? She was .....!"