

# WEATHER IDIOMS

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



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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. A cold day in July   | 6. Every cloud has a silver lining | 11. Raining cats and dogs     |
| 2. A storm in a tea cup | 7. Have the head in the clouds     | 12. Save up for a rainy day   |
| 3. Brainstorm           | 8. On cloud nine                   | 13. Snowed under with work    |
| 4. Break the ice        | 9. Once in a blue moon             | 14. The calm before the storm |
| 5. Come rain or shine   | 10. On thin ice                    | 15. Under the weather         |

B. Now match the idioms (1-15) with their definitions (a-o).

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| 1. A cold day in July              | a) A lot of trouble about something unimportant   |
| 2. A storm in a teacup             | b) A quiet time just before problems start  |
| 3. Brainstorm                      | c) At risk of upsetting or annoying someone   |
| 4. Break the ice                   | d) Every bad situation has a good aspect to it.   |
| 5. Come rain or shine              | e) Extremely busy with work   |
| 6. Every cloud has a silver lining | f) Generate many ideas quickly  |
| 7. Have the head in the clouds     | g) Get the conversation started; make people feel relaxed and willing to talk to each other |
| 8. On cloud nine                   | h) Have unrealistic ideas   |
| 9. Once in a blue moon             | i) Put some money aside for whenever it may be needed                                       |
| 10. On thin ice                    | j) Raining heavily  |
| 11. Raining cats and dogs          | k) Something that will never happen   |
| 12. Save up for a rainy day        | l) Unwell or ill  |
| 13. Snowed under with work         | m) Very happy   |
| 14. The calm before the storm      | n) Very rarely  |
| 15. Under the weather              | 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 .....!"