

Weather idioms

Match the following idioms with their definitions.

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.