

Weather Idioms

As you might expect, a country with changeable weather like the United Kingdom has a lot of idioms that use weather words. In sentences 1 – 24, complete the first part of each idiom or expression in **bold** with its second part from the box.

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| ...as rain | ...but it pours | ...cloud nine | ...disposition | ...for a rainy day | ...in a fog |
| ...in a storm | ...in a teacup | ...my thunder | ...of criticism | ...or shine | ...parade |
| ...rain check | ...reception | ...red mist |snowed | ...the driven snow | ... like the wind |
| ...the wind blows | ...thunder | ...wind of | ...wind out of my sails | ...wind up | ...your judgement |

1. The Education Minister's speech to the teachers got a **frosty** _____.
2. I can't think properly. I'm tired, and **my mind is** _____.
3. I usually spend most of my salary, but I always try to **save something** _____.
4. I'm sorry you don't feel very well. Why don't you go to bed, and I'm sure you'll be **right** _____ in the morning.
5. She's always happy, friendly and smiling: she **has a really sunny** _____.
6. I can't join you for lunch today. I'm absolutely _____ **under** with work.
7. I would avoid the boss if I were you: he's got a **face like** _____.
8. Your train leaves in one minute. You'll have to **run** _____ if you want to catch it.
9. I know that you're angry and upset, but don't let your emotions **cloud** _____.
10. I told Bill about my ideas for improving the company, then he told them to the boss and said they were his ideas. I can't believe he **stole** _____ like that!
11. I'm usually fairly calm and relaxed, but when someone intentionally scratched my car with their keys, I **got the** _____.
12. I thought my idea to improve sales was fantastic until my manager told me it would never work. As you can imagine, that **took the** _____.
13. Elaine has been **on** _____ ever since she got the promotion that she wanted.
14. What a morning! I got a parking ticket, then someone drove into my car in the supermarket car park, and to top it all I ran out of petrol. I guess **it never rains** _____.
15. I would love to go for a drink, but I'm a bit busy. Can I **take a** _____?
16. She thinks she's **as pure as** _____, but she's no better than the rest of us.
17. "We haven't got any tea. Would you like coffee instead?" "I suppose so. **Any port** _____".
18. "Do you think we should employ more staff?" "I'm not sure. Let's **see which way** _____ in the next few weeks".
19. "Are you coming to the match with us on Saturday?" "Oh yes, we wouldn't miss it for anything. We'll be there **come rain** _____."
20. The shop refused to refund my money, so I told them that I would take them to court. That **put the** _____ them!
21. Everybody was getting angry and upset about nothing. It was just a **storm** _____.
22. He tried to keep his plans secret, but we soon **got** _____ them.
23. Her suggestions were met with a **hail** _____.
24. Her suggestions were excellent, and it was wrong of you to **rain on**  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**