



Raining cats and dogs

Raining hard; raining a lot

When it rains cats and dogs, animals don't fall from the sky. Instead, this idiom simply describes a heavy rain with big, wet raindrops.

Claire wakes up and looks out of her window. The sky is dark, and it is raining very hard. "Oh no!" she says to her husband, John. "It's raining cats and dogs, and we planned Anna's birthday party as a picnic."

What is the problem with this situation?

- A. Claire and John's pets are getting wet outside.
- B. Claire's family planned a picnic, but it is a very rainy morning.
- C. Cats and dogs are falling from the sky

You can't describe every rain shower as "raining cats and dogs." This idiom only describes a very heavy rain storm. If you are driving when it begins to "rain cats and dogs," you might need stop by the side of the road

Which situation describes "raining cats and dogs"?

- A. The sky is black, and you can't see across the street because of the rain.
- B. There are light clouds and some sun; the air feels humid on your skin.
- C. There is a gentle drizzle, but you don't need an umbrella

English contains many animal idioms, especially cat and dog idioms. This is likely because English-speaking cultures have kept cats and dogs as pets for a long time.

Which animal idiom means “argue with someone constantly”?

- A. Fight like cats and dogs.
- B. Play cat and mouse.
- C. Dog and pony show

