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10 English idioms related to weather

Hello my friends, a **“storm was brewing”** and it was **“raining cats and dogs”** last week, so I had to give you a **“rain check”** for the Saturday Accent Group. The weather really **“rained on my parade,”** May 4 and the flood threat, **“stole my thunder.”** However, it now looks **“as right as rain”** and we will begin on Saturday, May 25, **“come rain or shine.”**

I hope you **“saved your money for a rainy day,”** so you can join the 6 week Accent Group class on May 25, 10:30-12:00 p.m. to improve your accent. **“Every cloud has a silver lining.”** So, there’s still time to sign-up and learn how to sound more American. You will soon **“be on cloud nine,”** with the speaking techniques you’ll learn.

A storm is brewing

Meaning: there is going to be trouble or an argument.

Example: Everybody is getting on John’s last nerve with all these questions. A storm is brewing.

It’s raining cats and dogs

Meaning: it’s raining very hard, it’s pouring.

Example: I think I’m going to stay in today and read a book. It’s raining cats and dogs.

Take a rain check

Meaning: is used to refuse an offer in a polite way, implying that you may accept it in the future.

Example: Annie, come to the movies with us. Sorry I’ll take a rain check.

Rain on someone’s parade

Meaning: to do or say something that spoils someone’s plans or draws attention to the negative aspects of their plans.

Example: I don’t want to rain on your parade, but you can’t go to the movies on Friday, you promised you’d watch your sister, when we go out.

Steal someone’s thunder

Meaning: to take attention away from someone on their special day i.e. a wedding or birthday.

Example: Look at Jenny in that dress, she really stole the bride’s thunder.

As right as rain

Meaning: to feel well, alright.

Example: I took some medicine before I went to bed and the next morning I was as right as rain.

Come rain or shine

Meaning: no matter the circumstances, also whatever the weather is.

Example: I will stand by you come rain or shine, you are my best friend.

Save it for a rainy day

Meaning: keep something i.e. money for a time when it is needed.

Example: I earned extra money babysitting my neighbor’s kids. I’ll save it for a rainy day.

Every cloud has a silver lining

Meaning: there’s something good in every bad situation.

Example: I’m really sick and feel awful, but I get to stay home, so I can thoroughly prepare for the test on Monday. Every cloud has a silver lining.

To be on cloud nine

Meaning: to be very happy about something

Example: When I finally got the promotion, I was on cloud nine.

