

## Weather Idioms List with Meanings and Examples

Idiom / Phrase	Meaning	Example Sentence
a breeze	easy	Riding a tricycle is such a breeze.
break the ice	doing something first in a social setting	Let me break the ice and buy everyone a drink.
calm before the storm	a peaceful period before mayhem	The teacher is enjoying the calm before the storm. All of the students will arrive soon.
chase rainbows	attempt something that will never be achieved	You're chasing rainbows if you think you're going to be a rock star.
every cloud has a silver lining	be optimistic	She got fired but found a better job she. Every cloud has a silver lining.
fair-weather friend	a person who is only a friend in good times	I try to avoid fair-weather friends. They aren't very sincere.
get a second wind	have new energy after an attempt	I was exhausted after 3 kilometers of running, but I got a second wind after I passed the beach.
get wind of something	overhear something about someone or something (often gossip)	Sherry got wind that her ex-boyfriend was coming to the same bar, so she went home.
have your head in the clouds	to be unaware or oblivious	You always have your head in the clouds. Do you have any idea what's happening?
know which way the wind blows	know the end result	Nobody knows which way the wind will blow. Just try to be positive.
on cloud nine	very happy	Elizabeth was on cloud nine when she put on the diamond ring.
put on ice	postpone	Let's put this problem on ice and get back to it tomorrow.
rain on someone else's parade	infringe on someone's happiness	Stop raining on my parade whenever you get miserable.
raining cats and dogs	raining heavily	It's raining cats and dogs. Remember your umbrella.

ray of hope	a slight chance that something positive will occur	She still had a ray of hope that she would get into medical school.
right as rain	feeling very well or fit	After a walk through the park, I feel as right as rain. My mind feels clear.
save for a rainy day	save money in case something unfortunate happens	You should save for a rainy day. You could get injured or become unemployed.
shoot the breeze	chitchat	Let's grab lunch and shoot the breeze.
skate on thin ice	do something risky	He was skating on thin ice when he insulted the boss.
snowed under	having too much work to do	I'm really snowed under now. Can I do the report tomorrow?
steal someone's thunder	to take credit for someone else's achievement	Some companies steal another's thunder and ignore copyright laws.
storm in a teacup	make a small problem bigger than it is	Don't make a storm in a teacup. We can go to another restaurant that doesn't require reservations.
storm is brewing	an indication that something bad could occur	A feel like a storm is brewing and the stock market is about to crash.
take a raincheck	reschedule at another time	Can I take a raincheck? I don't have time to hang out tonight.
take the wind out of my sails	to feel deflated	You really took the wind out of my sails when you laughed at my new invention.
the tip of the iceberg	a small part of a bigger problem	The tax evasion was just the tip of the iceberg. The company has committed countless other crimes.
throw caution to the wind	to let go of all responsibilities and have fun	Let's throw caution to the wind, quit our jobs, and go on vacation!
under the weather	feel sick	Sorry, I can't come to work today. I'm feeling a bit under the weather.

when it rains, it pours	many misfortunes often occur all at once	Last week, my dog died and I broke my leg. When it rains, it pours.
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