

103 English Weather Idioms

1. Come rain or shine

Meaning: Whatever the situation

2. Chase rainbows

Meaning: Go after an impossible or impractical dream

3. Dry spell

Meaning: A period of bad luck or being unsuccessful

4. Under the weather

Meaning: Ill or in low spirits

5. I don't have the foggiest

Meaning: I don't have a clue

6. Break the ice

Meaning: Start a conversation

7. Fair-weather friend

Meaning: Fickle, can't be counted on when things are bad

8. Steal someone's thunder

Meaning: Take the credit, take the attention away from someone

9. A breath of fresh air

Meaning: Something or someone new

10. Bolt from the blue

Meaning: Something unexpected, a good idea out of nowhere

11. Brainstorm

Meaning: Getting together to talk about ideas or make a plan

12. In a fog

Meaning: Dazed and confused

13. Once in a blue moon

Meaning: A rare occurrence

14. Catch lightning in a bottle

Meaning: To succeed unexpectedly, to manage a feat that is not easily repeated

15. Bone dry

Meaning: Without moisture

16. Come hell or high water

Meaning: No matter what, determination

17. Lightning never strikes twice

Meaning: A bad event is not likely to occur again

18. Face like thunder

Meaning: Looking like they are extremely angry or upset

19. Lightning fast

Meaning: Very fast

20. Tip of the iceberg

Meaning: Only a small part of the problem, not seeing the whole picture

21. Brighten up

Meaning: Cheer up

22. Take a shine to

Meaning: Starting to like, be attracted to

23. Ray of hope

Meaning: To see a chance or an opportunity that might improve your situation

24. Life isn't all rainbows and sunshine

Meaning: Bad things happen to everyone

25. Place in the sun

Meaning: Being comfortable in your life, feeling at home or like you belong

26. Moment in the sun

Meaning: Someone has done something amazing, someone is being recognized

27. Time to shine

Meaning: An opportunity to show off, a chance to be recognized

28. Nothing new under the sun

Meaning: Unimpressed, not a new idea

29. Tried everything under the sun

Meaning: Did everything possible

30. Thinks the sun rises and sets around someone

Meaning: Thinking that someone is very special or important, admiring them very much

31. Catch some rays

Meaning: Sunbath, go out and enjoy a sunny day

32. Dog days of summer

Meaning: Very warm weather, the hottest day of summer

33. A hot one

Meaning: Hot weather is expected

34. Scorcher

Meaning: A very hot day

35. Heat wave

Meaning: Experiencing several consecutive days of hot weather

36. Raining cats and dogs

Meaning: Heavy rain

37. Raining buckets

Meaning: Heavy rain

38. Save for a rainy day

Meaning: Put something aside for the future or in case of emergency

39. Right as rain

Meaning: Fit, feeling okay

40. Rain check

Meaning: Put off for now

41. Into each life some rain must fall

Meaning: Everyone experiences bad luck sometimes

42. It never rains but it pours

Meaning: Bad luck or bad events happened one after another

43. Rain on your parade

Meaning: Spoil someone's plans or good mood

44. Heavens open

Meaning: When it unexpectedly rains, rains hard

45. Rained in

Meaning: Had to change plans because of bad weather

46. Come in out of the rain

Meaning: Rejoin a group after an argument or disagreement, see the situation as it is

47. Know which way the wind blows

Meaning: Recognize that things can change in an instance and being ready to cope with possible changes

48. Throw caution to the winds

Meaning: Take a risk, be daring

49. Windfall

Meaning: An unexpected sum of money

50. Shoot the breeze

Meaning: Talk casually

51. Get wind of something

Meaning: Heard a rumor

52. Something in the wind

Meaning: Rumors are circulating

53. Sail close to the wind

Meaning: Cutting it close, unacceptable or risky behavior

54. It will be a breeze

Meaning: It will be easy

55. Run like the wind

Meaning: Run very fast or move quickly

56. Scattered to the four winds

Meaning: A previously close group has now gone their separate ways

57. Blow hot and cold

Meaning: A moody or indecisive person

58. Spit in the wind

Meaning: Realize the futility of your actions, doing something unwise that will backfire on you

59. Three sheets to the wind

Meaning: Drunk

60. Not a cloud in the sky

Meaning: Good weather, you are in a good mood, no problems

61. Every cloud has a silver lining

Meaning: You may be in a bad situation but there is hope

62. Cloud nine

Meaning: A state of euphoria or great happiness

63. Have your head in the clouds

Meaning: Full of unrealistic ideas, daydreamer

64. Calm before the storm

Meaning: Time of peace before troubles occur or before an event that you know will be difficult

65. A storm is brewing

Meaning: When you can see that a situation is going to go bad

66. Storm on the horizon

Meaning: Problems approaching

67. Cook up a storm

Meaning: Creating something big, cooking a lot or a big meal

68. Storm off

Meaning: Leave in a hurry because they were angry

69. Storm out

Meaning: Leave in a hurry because they were angry

70. Weather the storm

Meaning: Get through a difficult period, endure a difficult task

71. A perfect storm

Meaning: Several small, unlikely things have happened that have brought about a bad situation

72. Stormy relationship

Meaning: Complicated or volatile relationship

73. Old Man Winter

Meaning: Winter season

74. Dead of winter

Meaning: Very cold, the coldest and darkest time of the year

75. Cold as ice

Meaning: Unfriendly, acting like you are unwelcome

76. Give them the cold shoulder

Meaning: To ignore or snub

77. Snowed under

Meaning: Overwhelmed with work or by the circumstances

78. Put on ice

Meaning: Postpone

79. Keep on ice

Meaning: Postpone

80. Leave them out in the cold

Meaning: Refuse to include

81. Snowed in

Meaning: Unable to go outside because of cold or snowy weather

82. Snow job

Meaning: An elaborate lie, someone who is putting a lot of effort in covering up the truth

83. On thin ice

Meaning: In a dangerous situation, making someone lose patience or close to losing their temper

84. Snowball

Meaning: Gotten out of control, a small problem that is growing larger

85. Cold day in hell

Meaning: Not going to happen

86. A snowball's chance in hell

Meaning: No chance

87. It's nippy

Meaning: It's cold

88. It's chilly

Meaning: It's cold

89. It's frosty

Meaning: It's cold

90. It's freezing

Meaning: It's cold

91. Winter is coming

Meaning: Be ready, be prepared for a difficult situation

92. Make hay when the sun shines

Meaning: Make the most of an opportunity

93. Wait for a raindrop in the drought

Meaning: Hoping for something that has little chance of happening

94. Storm in a teacup

Meaning: Blowing a small problem out of proportion

95. A tempest in a teapot

Meaning: Blowing a small problem out of proportion

96. Keep a weather eye

Meaning: Keep a close watch on someone or the situation, to be wary

97. Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

Meaning: Something that is out of reach or impossible

98. Snow on the roof

Meaning: Someone who has white hair, someone who has dandruff

99. Any port in a storm

Meaning: Taking help where you can get it, don't be picky

100. Pure as driven snow

Meaning: Innocent or wholesome, unaware

101. A cold day in July

Meaning: Something is never going to happen

102. Blood and thunder

Meaning: Spectacular or dramatic

103. Raining pitchforks

Meaning: Raining hard