

Idioms #1: Weather

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hello I'm Emma from mmm ish in this

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video I'm going to be sharing some of my

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favourite English weather idioms now

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don't forget to turn on the subtitles

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right here once you've done that we're

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ready to get started. So what two medium

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idioms are English expressions that are

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quite unique because the meaning of the

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expression is different to the

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individual meaning of each word. Now

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idioms exist in lots of different

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languages but the reason that they can

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be so difficult to understand and also

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to learn to use is because of the

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different meaning that you need to

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understand. It's also because most of the

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time when you're trying to learn these

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idioms you're looking in a book or

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you're looking for a website that has a

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list of hundreds and hundreds of idioms

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and you just end up getting frustrated

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and confused

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Some of them I haven't even heard of

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before. The secret to learning English

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idioms is to focus on idioms that are

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relevant and that are often used in

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everyday conversation like everything

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idioms come in and out of fashion

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sometimes they're popular sometimes

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they're not they're really daggy and no

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one uses them anymore

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it depends on who you are where you are

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your age and the people that you hang

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out with. Idioms are quite unique like

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that but there are a group of really

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common idioms that are used across

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native speaking countries and to make it

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easier for you I've chosen all of the

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idioms that I teach in these lessons.

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Specifically because they are

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currently in use they are used every day

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I hear them all the time so you can feel

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confident that they're worth learning

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and it's worth spending your time on

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these idioms so don't get your knickers

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in a twist.

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Don't get upset I'm going to teach you a

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few really common English idioms right

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here right now in this lesson. Let's get

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going. When I say the word weather what

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kinds of ideas come into your head?

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I think of sunshine rain clouds storms

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lightning thunder wind all sorts of

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words and all of the idioms that I'm

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going to teach you today use weather

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words in some way. Okay, the first one

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under the weather to feel under the

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weather.

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Now if you feel under the weather you're

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not feeling very well at all you might

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be sick like you might have a cold or

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something like that you feel not as

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healthy as you usually do. For example I

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said that I'd meet my friends for dinner

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tonight but I'm feeling a bit under the

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weather so I don't think I'll go or you

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look a bit under the weather today are

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you feeling. Okay, the second one when it

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rains it pours, so this idiom is used

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when something goes wrong and a whole

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bunch of things go wrong at the same

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time that is the time to use this idiom.

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So think about this situation you're

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really busy at work you've got three

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projects that are due by the end of the

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day and your colleague has just called

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in

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to say they're not coming to work today

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so they're not going to help you

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complete the reports and the power has

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just gone off in your building which

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means you don't you're not able to use

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your computer so you decide to take your

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laptop and go to the local library and

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work there so you go downstairs and you

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go back to your car and you suddenly

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realize that you've locked your keys

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inside the car when it rains it pours.

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This is the perfect example of when it

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rains it pours lots of things went wrong

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at the same time so the problem felt

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even bigger than it really was

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number three every cloud has a silver

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lining.

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Okay so your friend is having some

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problems maybe they lost their job or

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their boyfriend broke up with them with

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a girlfriend you can use this idiom to

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help comfort them to help make them feel

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better it means that it's possible to

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find a positive in a negative situation

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no matter how difficult or how painful

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it might feel at the time imagine if a

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friend lost their job you could comfort

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them with this idiom you could say I'm

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really sorry that you lost your job but

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you know every cloud has a silver lining

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perhaps this will give you the

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opportunity to work on your own business

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for a while to get wind of something to

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get wind of something means to hear

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about something or to learn about

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something mostly when what you hear is

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actually supposed to be a secret for

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example your colleague might say did you

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hear the rumors about our CEO resigning

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it means he quit his job and you might

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say yeah I did get wind of that

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yesterday do you think the rumors are

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true come rain or shine if I say that

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I'll be at a place come rain or shine it

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means that I will definitely be there no

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matter what. For example, my cousin said

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to me are you coming to my birthday

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party on Saturday night and I told her

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of course I am come rain or shine I'll

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be there don't worry so rain represents

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bad weather and shine represents the Sun

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really good weather nice weather so the

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idiom suggests that it doesn't matter if

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it's raining or if it's shining with Sun

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you will be there no matter what the

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weather to have your head in the clouds.

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If someone has their head in the clouds

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it means that they're not focused on

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what's happening around them they're not

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paying attention to what's going on in

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the real world they're stuck inside

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their own heads.

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They're thinking about their own ideas

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their own thoughts their own dreams

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their own fantasies perhaps like a

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daydream. For example, you know I'd really

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like to visit Canada over summer this

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year get your head out of the clouds mo

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we can't afford that it's too expensive.

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What's the answer to question three

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huh oh I don't know don't you head out

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of the clouds and I pay attention.

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Lightning fast now lightning fast just

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means really really super fast and it

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can be used with either time that that

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moves quickly or the speed of something

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that physically moves quickly for

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example did you see that car it was

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lightning fast. I just couldn't believe

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how early you left the room you finished

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the exam lightning fast I haven't even

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finished the second page. To take a rain

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check

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now this idiom means that you would like

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to accept an offer from someone but you

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can't do it right now and you want to

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accept the offer at a later time so for

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example if your friend said to you I've

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got to spare tickets to the football

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match tonight do you want to come and

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I'd say yeah that sounds awesome but

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it's my grandfather's birthday tonight I

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can't can I take a rain check and come

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some other time. And lastly to brighten

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up your day you know how good it feels

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when you're outside in the sunshine and

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it feels so warm on your skin you feel

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so happy this is where this idiom comes

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from something that brightens up your

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day makes you feel really positive and

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happy for example you run into an old

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friend on the street who you haven't

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seen in years that would brighten up

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your day

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or if you were sick in a hospital and a

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good friend came to visit visit you that

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will brighten up your day you'd say

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thanks for visiting you really

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brightened up my day

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