

Weather Idioms - Lesson#9

Here are some examples of English idioms that use the weather. As you work through these lessons you will notice they go in alphabetical order. Lesson 9 below has words starting with the letters S – T.



Storm in a teacup

A storm in a teacup is when someone makes a small problem bigger than it really is.

Example: *I had a fight with my girlfriend about grocery shopping. It's just a storm in a teacup.*

A storm is brewing

When a storm is brewing it is a sign that something is about to become bad or something is about to go wrong.

Example: *You could tell before the argument that a storm was brewing.*

Take a rain check

When you take a rain check, you refuse an invitation, but offer to meet at another time.

Example: *I'd love to have coffee with you, but I'm going to have to take a rain check on that. Let's meet tomorrow when I'm not so busy.*

1. Complete the sentence:

I think there is going to be trouble. The boss looks angry. I think _____.

- a) a storm is brewing
- b) it is a storm in a teacup
- c) he will take a rain check

2. Complete the sentence:

I can't make it this afternoon, sorry. I will have to _____.

- a) brew a storm
- b) take a rain check
- c) have a storm in a teacup

3. A storm in a teacup is when there is a sign that something is about to become bad.

- a) True
- b) False

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b)

