

A to Z English

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In this episode, Jack and Kevin talk about idioms with the weather.

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to be **under the weather**

when it rains it pours

to do something **rain or shine** ☔🕒

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00:00:01 Jack

You're listening to the A-Z English podcast.

00:00:14 Kevin

Welcome to an A-Z English idioms from A-Z. We're going to start.

00:00:18 Kevin

With a quick

00:00:19 Kevin

Dialogue and then discuss the idioms after.

00:00:22 Kevin

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00:00:31 Kevin

Conversation, so let's start with the dialogue.

00:00:36 Jack

Hey Kevin, are you coming into work today?

00:00:39 Kevin

Oh man, sorry Jack I can't.

00:00:42 Kevin

I'm I'm feeling under the weather.

00:00:44 Jack

Oh man, Ryan and social are sick too.

00:00:48 Jack

When it rains, it pours.

00:00:51 Kevin

Oh, that's too bad, but I'll be there tomorrow, rain or shine.

00:00:54 Kevin

Don't worry.

00:00:57 Kevin

OK so today and for the next couple of weeks our idiom theme is going to be based on the weather.

00:01:05 Kevin

As you can see for this.

00:01:07 Kevin

So we talked about the weather.

00:01:09 Kevin

Actually, in one of our chat episodes not too long ago, the weather is always a fun topic.

00:01:15Kevin

But what are our three idioms today?

00:01:17Kevin

So Jack, what?

00:01:18Kevin

What were the three?

00:01:19Jack

So the first one was under the weather under the weather, yeah?

00:01:22Kevin

The right and #2.

00:01:25Jack

The second one number.

00:01:26Jack

Two was when it rains. It pours OK and #3 was rain or shine nice.

00:01:37Kevin

So under the weather I mean.

00:01:40Kevin

And we're kind.

00:01:41Kevin

Of always under the weather, right?

00:01:43Kevin

If you go outside the sun, it's sunny outside.

00:01:43Jack

Right?

00:01:46Kevin

You're under that.

00:01:47Kevin

If it's windy, well, it's around that.

00:01:49Kevin

If it's rainy, you're under the rain.

00:01:51Kevin

Would is.

00:01:51Kevin

What does it mean to be under weather?

00:01:54Kevin

What is what is that?

00:01:56Jack

Yeah, so under the weather meet just means simply that you're.

00:01:56 Kevin

How you, under the weather?

00:02:02 Kevin

Yep, pretty much.

00:02:02 Jack

So you have a cold or a flu, or you're not feeling well.

00:02:07 Jack

You would be under the weather.

00:02:10 Kevin

Yes, yeah, you're just not feeling good today, it's.

00:02:12 Kevin

Like oh, I'm.

00:02:13 Kevin

I'm feeling a bit under the weather and a little sick today.

00:02:18 Jack

Yeah, and I'm I'm a little bit embarrassed to say I don't know.

00:02:22 Jack

The origin of this idiom I'm not quite sure I even understand where this idiom comes from, I'm wondering.

00:02:30 Kevin

Under the weather, I mean, it's fun to try and guess where where this one comes from from.

00:02:31 Jack

If you yes.

00:02:35 Jack

Yeah, 'cause somebody's are so old that they they had meaning hundreds of years ago, but they lost it, lost its meaning in modern English.

00:02:40 Kevin

Right?

00:02:42 Kevin

Yeah, which is.

00:02:44 Kevin

It's it's fun when you actually do find them out later, but to be under the weather, I mean.

00:02:50 Kevin

It's probably 'cause.

00:02:51 Kevin

Really, although I said under the weather could be anything when you're when you're under the sun, you're not really under weather like the sun is just all around you, right?

00:03:00 Kevin

If it's windy, the wind is all around you, but if you're under rain then it's it's under.

00:03:05 Kevin

It's over you.

00:03:06 Kevin

It's raining on top of you.

00:03:06 Kevin

But for me.

00:03:07 Jack

So like a little rain cloud, that kind of follows you around that day, you're just.

00:03:10 Kevin

That's kind of what I'm like.

00:03:11 Kevin

It's making you feel sick.

00:03:13 Kevin

It's making you.

00:03:13 Kevin

Feel bad yeah, like you've got your just being rained on is where it kind of feels like it's coming since today so yeah.

00:03:19 Jack

Yeah, that makes sense.

00:03:21 Jack

That's probably the explanation I was looking for, yeah?

00:03:25 Kevin

Yeah, it's like I'm I'm under the weather like it's raining on me.

00:03:29 Kevin

Today you know, like.

00:03:29 Jack

Right and the weather is just a shorthand for bad weather.

00:03:33 Jack

Basically, I'm under the bad weather.

00:03:34 Kevin

Right exactly

00:03:36 Kevin

Yeah yeah.

00:03:36 Kevin

When we say though whether it does, it definitely doesn't mean good or OK or nice weather, though whether it's always bad weather in this one, it's come under the weather.

00:03:47 Kevin

So under the weather not feeling good, and so the next one when it rains it pours.

00:03:53 Kevin

Right and what about this one?

00:03:55 Kevin

When it rains, it pours.

00:03:55 Jack

Yeah now this one.

00:03:56 Kevin

What does poor mean it pours?

00:03:58 Jack

Poor means to come down like very hard, like a lot of rain, a lot of water like a like a shower.

00:04:03 Kevin

It's pouring rain.

00:04:07 Kevin

Yeah, definitely.

00:04:07 Jack

You know, yeah, not just a sprinkle, not a drizzle, not a light.

00:04:13 Jack

You know.

00:04:13 Jack

Spray or anything like that, but they.

00:04:15 Kevin

Nice vocabulary for light rain thing.

00:04:18 Jack

Yes, I know I've I've got.

00:04:20 Jack

Quite a few.

00:04:21 Jack

In the Chamber there, but poor means, yeah, just coming down.

00:04:26 Jack

Uhm, really, really hard.

00:04:28 Jack

Actually, we have another expression.

00:04:30 Jack

Cats and dogs.

00:04:32 Kevin

He's not to be raining cats and dogs.

00:04:32 Jack

You know it's raining cats and dogs means it's pouring rain, but this one is totally different, yeah?

00:04:37 Kevin

That's another one I have.

00:04:38 Kevin

I have no idea where that.

00:04:39 Kevin

Idea comes from.

00:04:39 Jack

Right exactly it's it sounds horrible, yeah?

00:04:41 Kevin

That one it really does, it's.

00:04:44 Kevin

Raining cats and dogs.

00:04:45 Jack

Right?

00:04:45 Kevin

But yeah, when it rains it pours, so when it rains it pours.

00:04:50 Kevin

That means when it rains, even just a little bit.

00:04:53 Kevin

It's pouring like there is no little bit of rain.

00:04:56 Kevin

If it's raining some it's pouring, it's coming down really hard.

00:05:00 Kevin

And so when would we use this?

00:05:01 Kevin

What do we?

00:05:02 Jack

Mean, so I'll give you an example of this.

00:05:06 Jack

So sometimes I get a job offer to teach English.

00:05:11 Jack

Two, it could be teaching children or teaching to adults or something.

00:05:16 Jack

Somebody that wants to learn English, and I'll go long periods of time where no one asks me for help or for a lesson, and then suddenly like six or seven people will ask me at the same time.

00:05:33Kevin

Right?

00:05:33Jack

You know, just suddenly six or seven people want to study English with me.

00:05:38Jack

And so when all of a sudden all these people want to study with me at one time suddenly.

00:05:46Jack

I can use the expression wow when it rains it pours so.

00:05:51Jack

When a job offer comes, it's not just one or two. It's like 78910 at the same time. It just comes in.

00:05:54Kevin

It's not just one.

00:05:59Jack

A big group.

00:06:00Jack

And so yeah.

00:06:01Kevin

Yes, suddenly so many things are coming to you, and unlike with the last one, we're being under the weather is is bad weather with rain in this case, rain isn't always a bad.

00:06:11Kevin

Thing right?

00:06:12Kevin

Like you're saying, like job offers, that's a good thing, of course, but it's it's when you suddenly have one or two.

00:06:14Jack

Yep yes.

00:06:17Kevin

But then suddenly it's five or.

00:06:18Kevin

Six or seven, right when it rains, it pours.

00:06:20Jack

I'll give you like a bad example if you work in an office and everything are kind of quiet and then suddenly your manager gives you a file and another job and another you know another duty or task and.

00:06:35 Jack

All of a sudden your inbox starts piling up and you've got 12345678910 things you have to do right. 10 little jobs or 1010 duties that you have to do.

00:06:40 Kevin

Yeah, lots of work.

00:06:48 Jack

Work come they suddenly come right into your inbox.

00:06:52 Jack

That's when it rains.

00:06:53 Jack

It pours.

00:06:54 Jack

You're like, oh man, it's not just one thing for my boss.

00:06:57 Jack

It's like 10 things and so that's a negative.

00:06:59 Kevin

Yeah, suddenly today I've got so much work to do when it rains it.

00:07:03 Kevin

Pours it just hit hard.

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Right?

00:07:05 Kevin

Yep, and then finally rain or shine.

00:07:09 Kevin

Now we've got the two opposites right.

00:07:11 Kevin

It's raining.

00:07:11 Kevin

We've been talking about that or shine, the sun is shining.

00:07:14 Kevin

So what does it mean in rain or shine?

00:07:18 Jack

When I think.

00:07:19 Jack

Of rain or shine, I always think of.

00:07:21 Jack

The post office.

00:07:23 Kevin

I was thinking the exact same thing, yes?

00:07:26 Kevin

The post office.

00:07:27 Jack

Part of their creed, their creed is like they're.

00:07:30 Jack

They're saying, you know, is no matter, no matter what the weather is.

00:07:31 Kevin

Yeah, their model.

00:07:34 Jack

If it's raining.

00:07:35 Jack

If the sun is shining, it doesn't matter.

00:07:38 Jack

They will deliver the letters to people.

00:07:41 Jack

You yeah rain or shine.

00:07:41 Jack

Yeah, they'll deliver the.

00:07:42 Kevin

Main or shine exactly, so it doesn't matter.

00:07:46 Kevin

I I will be there no matter what happens I, I promise I will be there.

00:07:50 Kevin

I promise I will do that.

00:07:52 Kevin

Whatever it is, I'll be there, rain or shine.

00:07:54 Kevin

So we record these episodes, you know, rain or shine every every Sunday morning.

00:07:59 Kevin

We're here to record episodes for everybody, rain or shine.

00:08:03 Jack

I'm from Minnesota, so we have a longer version of this.

00:08:05 Jack

It kind of goes rain or shine.

00:08:06 Kevin

Oh yeah.

00:08:08 Jack

Snow or sleet or sleet or snow.

00:08:10 Jack

Something like that so it doesn't matter what it is.

00:08:14 Kevin

A lot more weather.

00:08:15 Jack

Yeah we have a lot.

00:08:16 Jack

More there's yeah, more weather options in Minnesota.

00:08:19 Jack

But yeah, rain or shine, sleet or snow.

00:08:22 Jack

We will be there guarantee.

00:08:24 Jack

So yeah.

00:08:24 Jack

Nice Yep.

00:08:28 Kevin

Nice all right?

00:08:29 Kevin

So everybody out there, when do you feel under the weather right?

00:08:34 Kevin

When was a time that you were under the weather?

00:08:37 Kevin

Or do you have any examples of something where when it rained, it poured?

00:08:42 Kevin

Remember, we can use it in the past tense as well.

00:08:45 Kevin

And finally, what was something that you would do rain or shine?

00:08:48 Kevin

No matter what, you wouldn't let anything stop you from doing those things.

00:08:53 Kevin

So remember to check our web page for the show notes and everything and come join our WhatsApp group and give us the answers to those questions.

00:09:00 Kevin

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Also, of course, if you're on Apple Podcasts, if you could give us a review that would be super helpful.

00:09:05Kevin

We'll see you.

00:09:05Kevin

All next time, rain or shine.

00:09:08Jack

Bye bye.