

A to Z English



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In this episode, Kevin and Jack try to stay dry with more weather idioms ☁ when there is a **storm brewing**
in **calm before the storm**
to **weather a storm**

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00:00:01 Jack

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

00:00:12 Kevin

Welcome to A-Z English idioms from A-Z. Today we're going to skip the dialogue because the idioms that we have are all quite similar and we think you'll get the idea. Remember, you can check our website for study guide.

00:00:26 Kevin

Vocabulary notes and more, as well as links to WhatsApp, Facebook and other social media so you can join the conversation.

00:00:34 Kevin

So we're continuing our topic from last week talking about weather, but today we're specifically talking about stormy weather, right?

00:00:43 Kevin

And we've got three storm idioms before you all today.

00:00:47 Jack

And how would you define a storm like what's the difference between like raining a downpour and a storm?

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All right, well, uh Storm is just.

00:00:55 Kevin

It's hard strong whether.

00:00:57 Kevin

That that comes in, it rains, Lightning, Thunder it's you know, a crazy storm.

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And then it's gone.

00:01:02 Jack

Yeah, that's right.

00:01:03 Kevin

Hey it goes away.

00:01:05 Jack

The Lightning and Thunder is like my my two key signatures for like a storm.

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There's got to be some Thunder and there's got to be some lightning.

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You know?

00:01:13 Kevin

Yeah, that's really a storm then yeah, when you've got like a hurricane is a big storm, yes, but right it's comes in it's lightning, it's Thunder, it's wind, it's rain and then it's gone it clears up it's not when it's just raining slow for a couple of days that's not a storm.

00:01:29 Kevin

Right?

00:01:31 Kevin

So what are the three idioms Jack go ahead and list them off for?

00:01:33 Jack

OK.

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So our first.

00:01:34 Kevin

Us or storm idioms?

00:01:35 Jack

One, yeah, our first one is a storm is brewing.

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A storm is.

00:01:40 Kevin

OK brewing.

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And #2 is the calm before the storm.

00:01:43 Kevin

Let's see.

00:01:48 Kevin

OK.

00:01:50 Jack

The calm before storm.

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And the same Yep.

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The third one.

00:01:53 Kevin

And then the third one.

00:01:54 Jack

To weather a storm.

00:01:58 Kevin

Nice, OK, so a storm is brewing but calm before the storm and to weather a storm.

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So a storm is brewing.

00:02:09 Kevin

What is what is bruh?

00:02:10 Kevin

What can we brew?

00:02:12 Jack

Well, usually when we use the word bruh, we're talking about making beer.

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So right yeah, you're you're making something that's true, that's true.

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Brewing beer, yeah.

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I guess we could brew coffee also, right?

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I mean that's we use that sometimes.

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But yeah.

00:02:26 Kevin

Yeah, you're making something though.

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You're starting with with nothing and you're making something, so if you're a storm is brewing, we're starting.

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There's no storm.

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The weather is nice, but.

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The storm is starting, it's coming in.

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Yeah, it's it's like it's like cooking almost you know, like cooking something and and you could think of it from like those stories of like which is, you know, witches brew, you know just kind of stirring a big pot.

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You know as it just slowly starts to, you know, begin to boil and and and bubble up.

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And so that's kind of how a storm starts to grow.

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It starts small and then it gets bigger and scarier and more dangerous and.

00:03:09 Kevin

Yeah, and I know.

00:03:10 Kevin

I mean, Minnesota storms are different in Arizona.

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When the storms come in you can see them brewing in the distance.

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So because yeah, it's the deserts you can see really far, and so you know you wake up in the morning and the the sun is shining.

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Oh, right, the desert.

00:03:27 Kevin

The sky is clear.

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But you look out.

00:03:29 Kevin

And there's some dark clouds out in the distance, and then they start getting more and more and more and the sky just gets dark and cloudy and the storm is brewing.

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Over you and then.

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It hits so so.

00:03:41 Jack

How would you apply that to like?

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In idiom then.

00:03:45 Jack

'cause we 'cause it makes sense in like the literal sense like a storm is brewing.

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Right?

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We can use that you could say like, hey, a storm is coming.

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A storm is brewing, but how about an example from real life?

00:03:58 Kevin

Well, maybe if there's.

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If you've got a lot of work coming up and you know that that there's more and more and there's problems coming, you've seen a lot of small things coming.

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It's like, oh, this.

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This manager is fighting with that manager and they've got problems with this project and things like that.

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It's like oh, there's a storm brewing at work like we're gonna have problems soon.

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We don't have the problems yet, but we're going to have problems soon.

00:04:24 Kevin

We can see it coming.

00:04:26 Jack

Yeah sometimes with like couples.

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You can see.

00:04:30 Jack

OK, arguing with each other or they're not talking.

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They're not communicating and you feel some kind of tension as you as you hang out with this couple and you realize, oh, a storm is brewing like they're going to have a fight, but it hasn't started yet.

00:04:41 Jack

Right?

00:04:47 Jack

It's just building up right now.

00:04:50 Kevin

Yeah, yeah, when they're eating dinner you can see I'm just kind of picking at.

00:04:52 Kevin

Each other a.

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Little bit and it's like, oh when?

00:04:55 Jack

Be like, uh.

00:04:55 Kevin

They get home.

00:04:55 Kevin

There's going to be that fight.

00:04:56 Jack

A storm is brewing, yeah?

00:04:58 Kevin

Alright, so then the next one.

00:04:58 Jack

Right?

00:05:00 Kevin

So the storm is brewing and I guess if it's brewing it's not there yet.

00:05:04 Kevin

So you're kind of still in the calm before the storm, right?

00:05:09 Kevin

Our second one, the calm before the storm.

00:05:09 Jack

Yes, yes, a calm before the storm is it's a it's not a feeling of peacefulness, it's it's almost like fake peacefulness because you know that.

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It's peaceful right now, but in a little while soon it will not be peaceful.

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It will be stormy so the situation is going to be terrible.

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In a short time, but there's usually a period of quiet right before everything blows up.

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Everything explodes, you know, and again.

00:05:41 Kevin

Yeah, you're in the calm before the storm.

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It's like so calm it's been so good, so nice these days and it's like, oh, this is just the calm before the storm it's.

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Gonna get bad.

00:05:50 Jack

Yeah, yeah, it's like you know it's just you have a feeling of it's two things are too perfect.

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There's gotta be the another another idiom we use is.

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We say the other shoe will drop.

00:06:05 Kevin

Oh yeah, there you go very similar.

00:06:05 Jack

SO1 shoe drops and the other shoe will drop and the means that something bad is going to happen.

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The storm is coming, but this is it and some people will say no.

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It's not everything fine.

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You'd say no, this is the calm before the storm there will be a storm, yeah?

00:06:23 Kevin

Yeah, it it's on its way and it just feels calm now, but it's you're still the storm is brewing right now.

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We are in the calm before the storm, yeah.

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And then finally, once the storm hits.

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How do you deal with it?

00:06:35 Jack

Right?

00:06:35 Kevin

Our third one is to weather a storm, and this is the word weather.

00:06:40 Kevin

Like the weather outside you know sunny weather, rainy weather, windy weather, it's WEATHER weather, but we're using it as a verb.

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So to get tricky for everyone out there.

00:06:53 Kevin

We are weathering something.

00:06:55 Kevin

2 weather

00:06:57 Kevin

And what is that to weather a storm?

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I mean, whether normally is the weather outside you know, good weather, bad weather?

00:07:03 Jack

Yeah to whether something means to to survive it, essentially to survive it safely.

00:07:05 Kevin

2 weather

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So for example, in Florida there are a lot of hurricanes, and so when a hurricane hits the floor it hits Florida the the peninsula.

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People there have to weather the storm.

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They have to kind of protect themselves.

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They have to stay indoors.

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They have to put.

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Uh, wood planks over the windows so the windows don't get broken.

00:07:35 Kevin

Protect your house.

00:07:36 Jack

Yeah, you gotta protect your house.

00:07:37 Jack

All of that is to whether something but in this in the idiomatic.

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Since it means to overcome or to to ride out to, to persevere through, can you think of an easier survive?

00:07:52 Jack

It's tough.

00:07:53 Kevin

To fight through.

00:07:54 Kevin

Or under or yeah, survive through or deal with some some problem.

00:07:59 Kevin

You you let the weather you let you let the storm pass over you and you watter through the storm.

00:08:04 Jack

You whether you weather.

00:08:05 Jack

The storm, so you have.

00:08:06 Jack

Let's say you have a lot of problems at work.

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Work, but you don't quit your job.

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You weather the storm you, you fight through it every day you go to work.

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Rain or shine, and you push through all the bad stuff and you and eventually your work will not be so bad and the situation will get better and so basically you weathered the storm you went through that bad situation at work and you came out the other side.

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Feeling better?

00:08:39 Kevin

Yeah, and during it while you are weathering the storm, remember it's a verb.

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So verb phrase.

00:08:44 Kevin

So you are weathering the storm 'cause you know the storm won't last forever.

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It will end.

00:08:50 Jack

That's right, yeah.

00:08:51 Kevin

All right, so everybody out there.

00:08:54 Kevin

What about storms?

00:08:55 Kevin

Do you like storms?

00:08:56 Kevin

And when have you seen a storm brewing?

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How do you?

00:09:01 Kevin

Feel in the calm before the storm and when was sometime that you had to weather a storm of some kind was.

00:09:08 Kevin

That at work.

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Or at school or something like that.

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So remember come join our social media.

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Come join our WhatsApp group.

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Give us some examples of these idioms.

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

00:09:22 Kevin

So we'll see you all next time.

00:09:24 Kevin

Hope you can weather the storm.

00:09:26 Jack

Alright bye bye.

