

# THE FLATMATES

Quiz

Weather vocabulary



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For each of the six questions choose the correct answer.

1. We had a real mix of ... when we were on holiday. When the weather was nice, we went to the beach and on the rainy days, we just stayed indoors and were happy reading.
  - a. sunshines and showers
  - b. sunshine and showers
  - c. changeable sunshine
  - d. showers and sunshine
  
2. You know you can count on me. ... I'll be at your party, promise!
  - a. Come rain but it pours
  - b. Coming rains, coming shines
  - c. Come rain, come shine
  - d. Come raining, come shining
  
3. My mum stormed into my room, ... and I knew right then that I was in deep trouble.
  - a. on cloud nine
  - b. with her head in the clouds
  - c. with a face like thunder
  - d. with greased lightening
  
4. You should try to .... You never know what the future holds and you might need to have a back-up plan if things go wrong.
  - a. save some money for a rainy day
  - b. steal someone's rainy day
  - c. have your money in the clouds
  - d. be like greased lightening
  
5. She ... for weeks when she won that competition. She was so happy!
  - a. weathered the storm
  - b. had a face like thunder
  - c. weathered the cloud
  - d. was on cloud nine
  
6. When the political scandal broke, no-one thought the prime minister would be able to ...
  - a. weather the cloud
  - b. weather the storm
  - c. have changeable weather
  - d. steal someone's thunder

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### Answers

For each of the six questions choose the correct answer.

1. We had a real mix of ... when we were on holiday. When the weather was nice, we went to the beach and on the rainy days, we just stayed indoors and were happy reading.
  - a. sunshines and showers – Wrong – This is almost correct but the first word needs to be singular not plural.
  - b. **sunshine and showers – Correct – This means the weather changed from being sunny to being rainy.**
  - c. changeable sunshine – Wrong – You have mixed up two expressions here.
  - d. showers and sunshine – Wrong – These words are in the wrong order.
  
2. You know you can count on me. ... I'll be at your party, promise!
  - a. Come rain but it pours – Wrong – The first two words are correct but the last three are part of another expression ('it never rains but it pours').
  - b. Coming rains, coming shines – Wrong – All these words in the wrong form here.
  - c. **Come rain, come shine – Correct – This means whatever happens, I'll come to your party.**
  - d. Come raining, come shining - Wrong – The verbs are in the right form but the nouns aren't.
  
3. My mum stormed into my room, ... and I knew right then that I was in deep trouble.
  - a. on cloud nine - Wrong – This means she was very happy. You need an idiom that means she looked very angry.
  - b. with her head in the clouds - Wrong – This means she was daydreaming. You need an idiom that means she looked very angry.
  - c. **with a face like thunder – Correct – This means she looked very angry.**
  - d. with greased lightning - Wrong – This idiom doesn't exist in English. The correct idiom means 'looked very angry'.
  
4. You should try to .... You never know what the future holds and you might need to have a back-up plan if things go wrong.
  - a. **save some money for a rainy day – Correct – This means save money for a time in the future when you might need it unexpectedly.**
  - b. steal someone's rainy day - Wrong – You've mixed up two idioms here. The correct one uses 'rainy day' and means save money for a time in the future when you might need it unexpectedly.
  - c. have your money in the clouds - Wrong – You've mixed up two idioms here. The correct one means save money for a time in the future when you might need it unexpectedly.
  - d. be like greased lightning - Wrong – This isn't the right idiom. The correct one means  
save money for a time in the future when you might need it unexpectedly.

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5. She ... for weeks when she won that competition. She was so happy!
- a. weathered the storm - Wrong – This is the wrong idiom. The correct one means that she was extremely happy.
  - b. had a face like thunder - Wrong – This means she looked very angry. The correct idiom means that she was extremely happy.
  - c. weathered the cloud - Wrong – This idiom doesn't exist. The correct one means that she was extremely happy.
  - d. was on cloud nine – Correct – This means she was very pleased to win the competition.
6. When the political scandal broke, no-one thought the prime minister would be able to ...
- a. weather the cloud - Wrong – The first two words are correct but you need a different noun to complete this idiom correctly.
  - b. weather the storm – Correct – This idiom means deal successfully with a difficult problem.
  - c. have changeable weather - Wrong – This isn't an idiom, it's a description of weather. The correct answer is an idiom which means deal successfully with a difficult problem.
  - d. steal someone's thunder - Wrong – This means do something to take success or praise away from someone else by focusing on what you've done, rather than what they've done. The correct idiom means deal successfully with a difficult problem.

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