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1. Only one of the following idioms is really about the weather. Which one?
 - a) a ray of sunshine
 - b) a breath of fresh air
 - c) it's raining cats and dogs
 - d) every cloud has a silver lining

 2. 'I used to think that my life was dull and boring, but since I met Linda I've found things have become much more exciting again'. Linda could be described as:-
 - a) a storm in a teacup
 - b) under the weather
 - c) a breath of fresh air
 - d) a big wind

 3. If you are feeling unwell but for no particular reason, you might be described as feeling:-
 - a) under the rain
 - b) like a breath of fresh air
 - c) like a storm in a teacup
 - d) under the weather

 4. Your friend has a problem that's upsetting her. You comfort her by letting her see the potential positive side of her problem. You say:-
 - a) every cloud has a silver lining
 - b) it's a breath of fresh air
 - c) it's a storm in a teacup
 - d) it's raining cats and dogs

 5. 'I really love my little granddaughter. Even when I'm feeling low, watching her play cheers me up and makes me smile'. The granddaughter can be described as being:-
 - a) a storm in a teacup
 - b) a big wind
 - c) a ray of sunshine
 - d) under the weather

 6. If an argument becomes much bigger than it really should be, it can be described as being:-
 - a) a ray of sunshine
 - b) a big wind
 - c) a breath of fresh air
 - d) a storm in a teacup
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ANSWERS:

1 Only one of the following idioms is really about the weather. Which one?

- a) a ray of sunshine – This idiom can be used to describe a person who brings joy into your life.
- b) a breath of fresh air – This idiom can be used to describe a person who brings a new and fresh approach to your life or situation.
- c) **it's raining cats and dogs – Correct. This means it's raining very heavily.**
- d) every cloud has a silver lining – This means that every bad situation has a solution or a potential positive outcome.

2. I used to think that my life was dull and boring, but since I met Linda I've found things have become much more exciting again'. Linda could be described as:-

- a) a storm in a teacup – This idiom has a negative meaning.
- b) under the weather – This idiom has a negative meaning.
- c) **a breath of fresh air – This is the right answer!**
- d) a big wind – This is not an idiom in English.

3. If you are feeling unwell but for no particular reason, you might be described as feeling:-

- a) under the rain – This is not an idiom in English.
- b) like a breath of fresh air – This idiom has a positive meaning.
- c) like a storm in a teacup – This can describe an argument that is much bigger than it should be.
- d) **under the weather – Correct.**

4. Your friend has a problem that's upsetting her. You comfort her by letting her see the potential positive side of her problem. You say:-

- a) **every cloud has a silver lining – This is the correct answer.**
- b) it's a breath of fresh air – This idiom is usually used to describe a person, not a situation.
- c) it's a storm in a teacup – This idiom has a negative meaning.
- d) it's raining cats and dogs – This idiom really is about the weather!

5. 'I really love my little granddaughter. Even when I'm feeling low, watching her play cheers me up and makes me smile'. The granddaughter can be described as being:-

- a) a storm in a teacup – This idiom has a negative meaning.
- b) a big wind – This is not an idiom in English.
- c) **a ray of sunshine – Well done!**
- d) under the weather – This idiom has a negative meaning.

6. If an argument becomes much bigger than it really should be, it can be described as being:-

- a) a ray of sunshine – This has a positive meaning.
- b) a big wind – This is not an idiom in English.
- c) a breath of fresh air – This idiom has a positive meaning.
- d) **a storm in a teacup – This is the correct answer. Well done!**

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