

# Every cloud has a silver lining

Idiom of the month

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## 1. Insert the word 'cloud(s)' or 'cloudy' in sentences 1-5:

1. Oh no! Look at that rain \_\_\_\_\_.
2. All my photos are on my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is very cold and \_\_\_\_\_ today.
4. Word \_\_\_\_\_ help me to remember new vocabulary.
5. Don't drink that water. It is very \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2a. Read

Sam missed the concert on Saturday.  
His bus was late.

Poor Sam!

Hmmm...he met a new girl at the bus  
stop. He really likes her.

Haha! Every cloud has a silver  
lining.

## 2b. Complete with the idiom of the month.

Dave started a new online business during lockdown.

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Negative events, like metaphorical rain clouds, sometimes bring unexpected positive results, the metaphorical silver lining.*

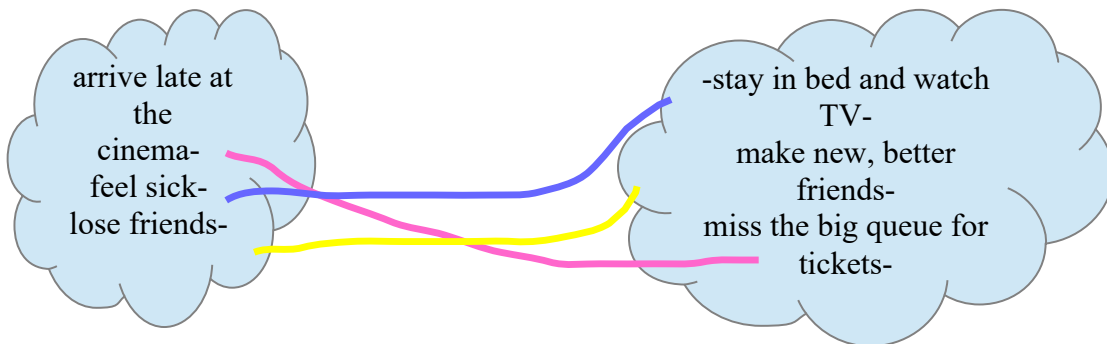
## 3. Match the negative events to the unexpected positive results.

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| <b>a.</b> You miss the bus to school and walk.                 | <b>1.</b> You can stay home and watch your favourite TV series.      |
| <b>b.</b> Your friend's party is cancelled at the last minute. | <b>2.</b> You discover new places that are not on the tourist map.   |
| <b>c.</b> It rains all weekend.                                | <b>3.</b> You can use the bus fare to buy a doughnut.                |
| <b>d.</b> You get lost in a foreign city.                      | <b>4.</b> You meet a new best friend and you do everything together. |
| <b>e.</b> You move house and leave your old friends.           | <b>5.</b> You can wear your beautiful new raincoat.                  |

4a. Create two word clouds with negative things that happen to you (a) and the positive things that can happen next (b). Look at the example:

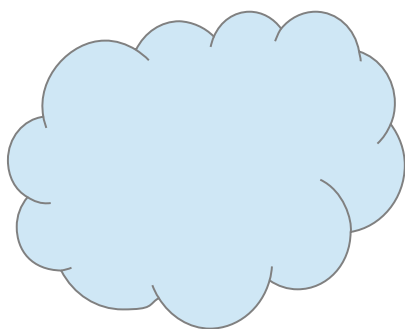
(a)

(b)



(a)

(b)



5. Remember: Stay positive because every cloud has a silver lining.

## Teacher's Notes

1.

1.cloud; 2. cloud; 3. cloudy; 4. clouds; 5. cloudy

2b.

Dave started a new online business during lockdown. Every cloud has a silver lining.

3.

a3; b1; c5; d2; e4.

**4. Answers may vary.**

*This exercise is all about encouraging students to remain positive despite the difficulties they may face. If appropriate, initiate a class discussion on the topic of 'positivity' and what we can do to maintain that positive outlook.*