

# Idiom of the Month: AN INDIAN SUMMER

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a. Read

I love it when we get an Indian summer, warm and sunny September days are the best.

I know, especially after all the rain we got in July and August

b. Complete:

In England, we say that it is an \_\_\_\_\_ summer when we get a period of nice \_\_\_\_\_ weather in the early \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ are blue and the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ than average for that time of year.



warm

Indian

temperatures

higher

skies

autumn

**2. Can you match these weather idioms to the right definition?**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| a. under the weather               | 1. it's raining a lot                             |
| b. head in the clouds              | 2. fine, ok                                       |
| c. every cloud has a silver lining | 3. talks nonsense                                 |
| d. full of hot air                 | 4. unwell   |
| e. raining cats and dogs           | 5. daydream                                       |
| f. right as rain                   | 6. something good always comes from something bad |

**3. Complete these sentences with the right idiom from exercise 2.**

- a. Mr Smith is \_\_\_\_\_ - he always talks about IT and technology but he hasn't even got a computer.
- b. Lilly has got her \_\_\_\_\_ - she wants to be a Hollywood actress.
- c. Mikey felt \_\_\_\_\_, he had a stomach ache.
- d. John didn't want to go outside because it was \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. I missed the bus, but I found five pounds in the street when I was walking to school.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- f. After five days in the hospital with the flu, Mary was as \_\_\_\_\_ again.

## Teacher's Notes

1B. Complete: In England, we say that it is an Indian summer when we get a period of nice warm weather in the early autumn. The skies are blue and the temperatures are higher than average for that time of year.

2. Can you match these weather idioms to the right definition?

a4    b5    c6    d3    e1    f2

3. Complete these sentences with the right idiom from exercise 2.

- a. Mr Smith is **full of hot air** - he always talks about IT and technology but he hasn't even got a computer.
- b. Lilly has got her **head in the clouds** - she wants to be a Hollywood actress.
- c. Mikey felt **under the weather**, he had a stomach ache.
- d. John didn't want to go outside because it was **raining cats and dogs**.
- e. I missed the bus, but I found five pounds in the street when I was walking to school. **Every cloud has a silver lining**.
- f. After five days in the hospital with the flu, Mary was as **right as rain** again.