

Every cloud has a silver lining

Idiom of the month

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1. Make five sentences using the word prompts:

rain cloud on my cloud cloudy word clouds cloudy water

Example: *Don't drink cloudy water. Throw it away and get a new glass.*

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.

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

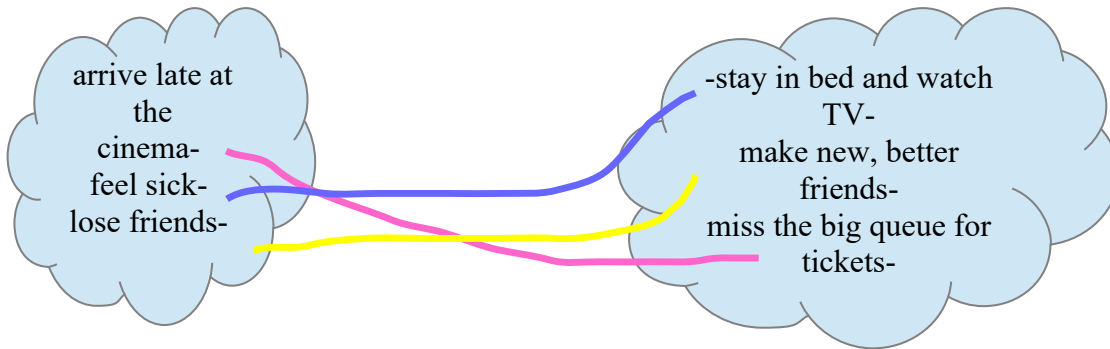
3. Can you think of any unexpected positives that have come from the first COVID lockdown? Add five more to this list.

1. Less traffic pollution;
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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:

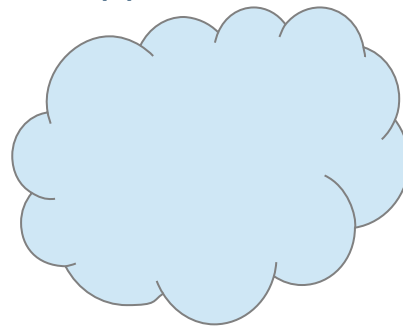
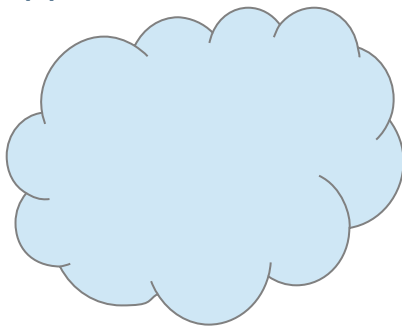
(a)

(b)



(a)

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

Teacher's Notes

1. Sample answers:

1. Oh no! Look at that big black rain cloud. It's going to pour down.
2. All my photos are on my cloud so I can never lose them
3. It is very cold and cloudy today. I think I'll stay home.
4. Word clouds help me to remember new vocabulary especially if I use different bright colours.
5. That cloudy water doesn't look right. Get a fresh glass.

2b.

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

3. Sample answers:

1. Less traffic pollution;
2. more time with family;
3. better technology skills;
4. time for hobbies;
5. a better appreciation of nature;
6. wildlife increased

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.