

Topic

Conversation for Idioms

Lesson 6 Weather (1)







b. under the weather





c. on cloud nine

d. head in the clouds

1. Albert always seems to be in a fog. He can't focus on his work.

- What do you do if you are in a fog?
- What causes people to feel in a fog?

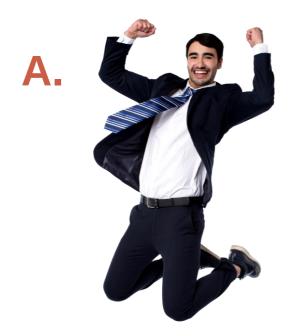
Origin

This expression means to admit total ignorance and dates from the late 19th century. It is derived from the notion of being in a fog and having limited vision.



2. I was on cloud nine after buying my dream car.

Which picture best describes the meaning of the idiom?





- 3. My daughter is absent today. She feels under the weather.
 - Which is true about the idiom?
 - a. People feel under the weather if the weather is hot.
 - b. Being under the weather means you are ill.

Origin

Some sources suggest that when sailors were unwell, they were sent below decks that is under or out of the weather which is possibly true.



4. He has his **head in the clouds** whenever he thinks about becoming an engineer. He is terrible at Math.



- When do we use the idiom?
 - a. when someone is mentally strained from a difficult subject
 - b. when someone is talking about something impossible



Origin

The earliest use of this expression dates back to the mid-1600s. At that time, humans did not have airplanes so aviation was not a concept that inspired the idiom. Clouds were considered out of reach or impossible for humans.

Quick Review



under the weather to feel ill or unwell

in a fog confused or unaware





head in the clouds to talk about impossible or stupid things



on cloud nine extremely happy and excited



- 1. She is not right for this job; she has her (head, hand) in the clouds.
- 2. Jeffrey is a bit (above, under) the weather.
- 3. After the accident, Melanie went about in a (fog, smoke) even though she had not been injured.
- 4. I've been on (cloud nine, fog eight) ever since I met her.

head in the clouds on cloud nine under the weather in a fog

- 1. She is _____ today because she passed the job interview.
- 2. He always feels like he's _____ whenever he takes that medicine.
- 3. Pablo seems to be ______. He doesn't know what's going on.
- 4. She must have had her _____ when she talked about visiting Big Ben because she has never been to London.



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