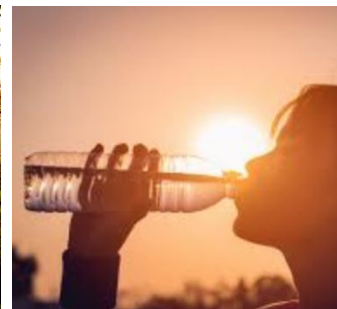
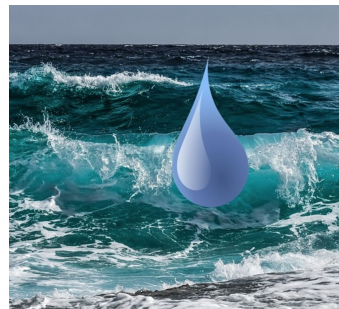


# Summer idioms

## What can you see in the pictures?



## Match halves to make idioms:

1. The dog days of		A. shine
2. (Come) rain or		B. rainbows
3. Fresh as		C. a shoestring
4. Chase		D. butterfly
5. Social		E. summer
6. A drop in		F. summer
7. Travel on		G. the ocean
8. Indian		I. a daisy
9. beat		H. doesn't make a summer
10. one swallow		K. the heat

Read the sentence and choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

1. During **the dog days of summer** it's too hot to go outdoors so I sit at home with the air conditioning turned on.
  - a) a period of unseasonably warm weather in early fall.
  - b) the hottest part of summer, occurring in July and August.
  - c) rainy days when even dogs don't go outdoors.
  
2. Don't worry. I promise, I'll be there – **rain or shine**.
  - a) to do something, be somewhere without being affected by the weather or other circumstances.
  - b) to come out of an unpleasant or difficult situation.
  - c) when things don't just go wrong but very wrong and other bad things happen too.
  
3. After a good night sleep, I woke up feeling **fresh as a daisy**.
  - a) to be extremely happy.
  - b) to feel not well.
  - c) to be full of energy and enthusiasm.
  
4. She's trying to get into Harvard but I think she's **chasing rainbows**.
  - a) to try to get something they will never obtain or complete an impossible task.
  - b) to be out of touch of reality.
  - c) to dream of big things.

5. Melica goes out every week and knows everyone in New York. She is such a **social butterfly**!

- a) a person who can't live in a big city.
- b) a person who has a lot of friends and acquaintances and likes to flit from one social event to another.
- c) a person feeling nervousness, often before a performance or undertaking of some kind.

6. I'm glad Tony started repaying the money he borrowed from me, but the five dollars he gave me yesterday is just a **drop in the ocean** compared to what he still owes.

- a) a tiny amount, especially when compared to a much larger one.
- b) a small amount of money.
- c) a mistake.

7. I really learned how to **travel on a shoestring** when I studied abroad. I looked for inexpensive accommodations such as youth hostels, took advantage of special offers and discounts and so on.

- a) to travel with very little money.
- b) to travel in comfortable shoes and loose clothes.
- c) to travel with a lot of money.

8. I know it's September, but don't get out your winter clothes just yet, I hate the cold weather, so I'm hoping for an **Indian summer**.

- a) a trip to India when it's warm there.
- b) a period of unrestricted hunting on a particular type of animal.
- c) a period of unseasonably warm weather in early fall.

9. We're going to **beat the heat** by going to the cinema today. They always have the air conditioning turned on.

- a) to escape the heat of summer, typically by finding indoor activities, places to go swimming, etc.
- b) to survive in difficult conditions.
- c) to fight with something or somebody.

10. His baseball team won the first match in the tournament, but **one swallow doesn't make a summer**. They still have four more games to go!

- a) if you see a swallow it doesn't mean that it's summer already.
- b) swallow don't fly in winter.
- c) one good thing has happened doesn't necessarily indicate that the tendency will continue.

## Answer the questions:

1. Are you a social butterfly? Why (not)? / Would you like to be?
2. When is Indian summer at your place? What about the dog days of summer?
3. Do you think you can travel on a shoestring? Why (not)?
4. Has it ever happened to you that you were chasing rainbows?
5. Do you always keep promises rain or shine?
6. What do you need to do to feel fresh as a daisy?
7. How do you beat the heat?