

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.

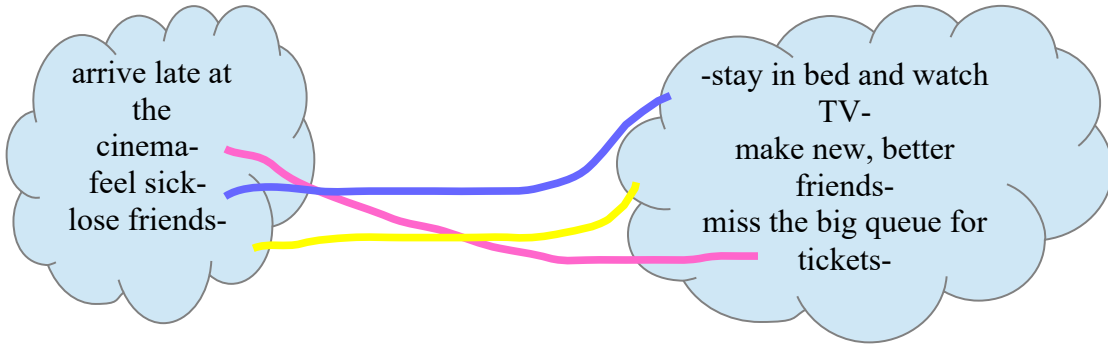
3. Match the negative events to the unexpected positive results.

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

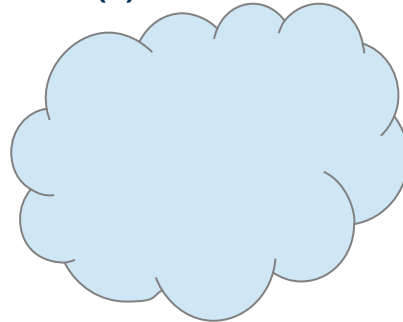
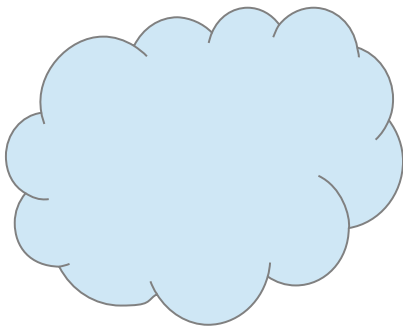
(a)

(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.