

# Idiom of the Month: EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

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**1. Write H (happy) or S (sad) next to each sentence.**

- a. Your dog dies. ....
- b. You receive a present. ....
- c. Your best friend doesn't invite you to her party. ....
- d. You go to a party. ....
- e. You lose your favourite book. ....
- f. You go out with friends. ....

**2.**

**a. Read**

What's wrong, Sam? You look really sad.

I am. It's my best friend's birthday party tomorrow and I'm not invited.

That's a shame! But every cloud has a silver lining! You can come to my cinema party. See you tomorrow at 8pm!

**b. Complete:**

James was really sad when his football match was cancelled, but then his dad got him tickets for the Championship Final at the stadium that same day, so .....

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**3. Read these idioms about optimism and match each one to the correct meaning.**

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| a. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.      | 1. There are other boys and girls in the world to love.       |
| b. There is always light at the end of the tunnel. | 2. When you miss an opportunity, there is always another one. |
| c. When one door closes another one opens.         | 3. Something positive will happen soon.                       |
| d. Keep your chin up.                              | 4. Make something good out of a bad situation.                |
| e. There are plenty more fish in the sea.          | 5. There is always some good in a bad situation.              |
| f. Every cloud has a silver lining                 | 6. Be strong and think positive thoughts.                     |

**4. Write.**

- a. Gemma is heartbroken. Her boyfriend doesn't want to see her again, but her best friend Lucy tells her .....
- b. Marco is exhausted and stressed. He has got exams every day but .....: school finishes next Friday for the summer break.
- c. Justine was really sad when her grandma moved away but .....: now she can go and stay with her at the seaside every weekend.
- d. Sarah's mum is brilliant. When she has a problem she always finds a way round it: ..... She never gives up.
- e. Phil lost his place in the football team but then he got a place in the athletics team: you see, .....
- f. When you feel sad you should always..... and do your best.

## Teacher's Notes

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2b. Complete

James was really sad when his football match was cancelled, but then his dad got him tickets for the Championship Final at the stadium that same day, so **every cloud has a silver lining**.

3. Match the optimism idioms to their correct meaning.

- a. 4    b. 3    c. 2    d. 6    e. 1    f. 5

Ask the students some questions to elicit use of the idioms after they have completed the sentences to enable freer practice. For example:

*Tell your partner about a time something bad happened but then you realised that **every cloud has a silver lining**.*

4. Complete using idioms from exercise 3.

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- f. When you feel sad you should always **keep your chin up** and do your best.