Idiom of the Month:
AN INDIAN SUMMER

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a. Read

I love it when we get an Indian summer, warm and sunny September days are the best.

I know, especially after all the rain we got in July and August.

b. Complete:

In England, we say that it is an _________ summer when we get a period of nice _____ weather in the early __________. The __________ are blue and the ______________ are __________ than average for that time of year.

warm    Indian    temperatures    higher    skies    autumn
2. Can you match these weather idioms to the right definition?

   a. under the weather       1. it’s raining a lot
   b. head in the clouds      2. fine, ok
   c. every cloud has a silver lining 3. talks nonsense
   d. full of hot air         4. unwell
   e. raining cats and dogs   5. daydream
   f. right as rain           6. something good always comes from something bad

3. Complete these sentences with the right idiom from exercise 2.

   a. Mr Smith is ____________________________ - he always talks about IT and technology but he hasn’t even got a computer.

   b. Lilly has got her ____________________________ - she wants to be a Hollywood actress.

   c. Mikey felt ____________________________, he had a stomach ache.

   d. John didn’t want to go outside because it was ____________________________.

   e. I missed the bus, but I found five pounds in the street when I was walking to school. ________________.

   f. After five days in the hospital with the flu, Mary was as ____________________________ again.
1B. Complete: In England, we say that it is an Indian summer when we get a period of nice warm weather in the early autumn. The skies are blue and the temperatures are higher than average for that time of year.

2. Can you match these weather idioms to the right definition?
   a4       b5       c6        d3          e1          f2

3. Complete these sentences with the right idiom from exercise 2.
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   b. Lilly has got her **head in the clouds** - she wants to be a Hollywood actress.
   c. Mikey felt **under the weather**, he had a stomach ache.
   d. John didn't want to go outside because it was **raining cats and dogs**.
   e. I missed the bus, but I found five pounds in the street when I was walking to school. **Every cloud has a silver lining**.
   f. After five days in the hospital with the flu, Mary was as **right as rain** again.