

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

According to folklore, there are some unusual ways to predict the weather.

- Evening red and morning gray are sure signs of a fine day.
- Evening gray and morning red, put on your hat or you'll wet your head.
- Pigs gather leaves and straw before a storm.
- Flowers close up before a storm.
- Wolves always howl louder before a storm.
- When small clouds join and thicken, expect rain.
- Dandelion blossoms close before a storm.
- Birds on a telephone wire indicate the coming of rain.
- When spiders weave their webs by noon, fine weather is coming soon.
- If wasps build their nests high, the winter will be long and harsh.
- A severe summer denotes a windy autumn.
- A windy winter denotes a rainy spring.
- A rainy spring denotes a severe summer.
- A warm Christmas -- a cold Easter.
- A veering wind will clear the sky, a backing wind says storms are nigh.
- Cats scratch a post before a wind, wash their faces before a rain and sit with their back toward the fire before a snow.
- If a rooster crows at night, there will be rain by morning.
- If a dog starts to whine for no reason, you can expect a major storm and perhaps a tornado.
- The darker the woolly bear's (warm) coat, the more severe the winter will be. If there is a dark stripe on the bear at the head and one at the end, the winter will be severe at the beginning, become mild in mid-winter, and then worsen just before spring.

Can you think of any other weather folklore or superstitions? _____

How many weather-related words can you think of? _____

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How many songs can you think of that mention a weather condition in the title? _____

COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS

“Let the rain kiss you. Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. Let the rain sing you a lullaby.” Langston Hughes _____

“The trouble with weather forecasting is that it’s right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.” Unknown _____

“The best thing one can do when it’s raining is to let it rain.” Henry Wadsworth Longfellow _____

In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. Mark Twain _____

WORDS IN WORDS

How many words can you make using the letters in **WEATHER**? _____

How many words can you make using the letters in **FORECAST**? _____

How many songs can you think of that mention a weather condition in the title?

Ain't No **Sunshine**

Another **Rainy** Day in New York City

April **Showers**

Aquarius – Let the **Sun** Shine In

Blowin' in the **Wind**

Candle in the **Wind**

Crying in the Rain

Don't Let the **Sun** Go Down on Me

Dust in the **Wind**

Fire and **Rain**

Good Day **Sunshine**

Have You Ever Seen the **Rain**?

Here Comes the **Rain** Again

Here Comes the **Sun**

Marie from **Sunny** Italy

On the **Sunny** Side of the Street

Purple **Rain**

Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head

Rainy Day Women

Riders on the **Storm**

Rock You Like a **Hurricane**

Singin' in the **Rain**

Somewhere Over the **Rainbow**

Stormy Weather

Sunshine on My Shoulder

Sunshine Superman

Sunny Afternoon

They Call the **Wind** Maria

Walking on **Sunshine**

You Are My **Sunshine**

You Are the **Sunshine** of My Life