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An idiom is a figure of speech. It is a phrase which means something different from its literal meaning.

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Using idioms in your written work adds colour to the text and helps the reader to create “mind images”.

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Using idioms in your written work can also serve to emphasise the point you are trying to make.

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Do you know what  
the following  
weather-themed  
idioms mean?

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