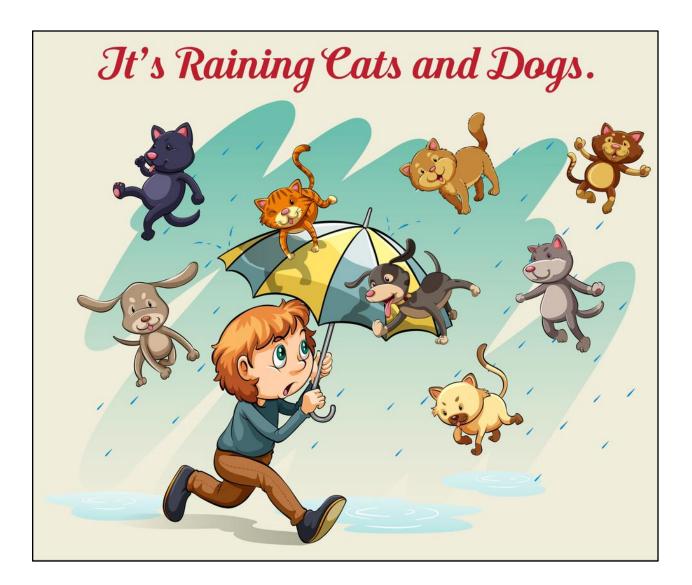
It's Raining Cats and Dogs



Sometimes people say, "It's raining cats and dogs!" It may seem like a silly thing to say because no one has ever seen cats and dogs falling from the sky! Everyone already knows that water falls as raindrops from the clouds.



"It's raining cats and dogs!" is an idiom, a phrase with its own meaning. If it did rain cats and dogs, rain would be hard and sound like, "THUMP - THUMP - THUMP!" Umbrellas would have to be a lot stronger!

The phrase, "It's raining cats and dogs" means that it is raining very hard. Of course, when it rains hard it never sounds like "THUMP - THUMP - THUMP," but it does make a loud sound when it hits a roof or an umbrella.