



It's Raining Cats and . . . Frogs?

Answer the questions below.

1. Read the following sentences from the story and answer the question.

Keep your eyes open for the next interesting storm. It might be in *your* town.

Which phrase could BEST be used to replace *Keep your eyes open*?
 - a. stay awake
 - b. wake up
 - c. stay alert
 - d. open your eyes wide
 2. The story mentions all of the following strange weather events EXCEPT—
 - a. raining snakes.
 - b. raining candy.
 - c. raining baseballs.
 - d. raining toads.
 3. Which of the following is the definition of *overflowed* as it is used in the story?
 - a. left its borders or boundaries
 - b. coming out of a spring
 - c. overly concerned
 - d. oversight
 4. The title of this story is based on the phrase, "It's raining cats and dogs." What kind of expression is this?
 - a. a metaphor
 - b. a simile
 - c. an idiom
 - d. onomatopoeia
- 5.–8. Write T for true and F for false.**
5. _____ Snakes rained down on the town of Leicester in Massachusetts.
 6. _____ Some of the strange weather events have happened after windstorms.
 7. _____ Catfish and dogfish rained down on Tiller's Ferry, South Carolina.
 8. _____ The story tells about places that have had "rainfalls" of rocks, ducks, and chalk.
9. What was the author's purpose in writing this article?
 - a. to inform
 - b. to entertain
 - c. to persuade
 - d. a. and b.