Weather Idioms

Match up the idiom with its definition:

1. on cloud nine  a. You hear about something you were unaware of, usually a private or secret matter.
2. a fair-weather friend  b. Have so many things to do, usually work, that you are unable to cope with it all.
3. once in a blue moon  c. Trying to achieve something that is not possible or practical.
4. come rain or shine  d. When something bad happens, other bad things often happen too, and make the situation even worse.
5. it never rains but it pours  e. To be very happy because something wonderful has happened.
6. take a rain check  f. Something that happens very rarely.
7. chasing rainbows  g. The atmosphere indicates that there is going to be trouble, probably with outbursts of anger or emotion.
8. a storm is brewing  h. Do something regularly, whatever the weather or circumstances.
9. a storm in a teacup  i. To understand what is happening in changing circumstances and to be able to anticipate the future.
10. snowed under  j. You cannot accept an invitation or offer now, but you will be happy to accept it later.
11. get wind of  k. Someone who acts as a friend when times are good, and is not there when you are in trouble.
12. know which way wind blows  l. People are making a lot of unnecessary fuss or getting excited about something unimportant.

Complete the sentence with one of the idioms above:

1. Before we decide on anything, we need to ____________________________________.
2. With the 'flu epidemic, doctors and nurses are completely _________________________.
3. "Was Helen pleased about getting that job?" "Pleased? She was _____________________!"
4. I thought Gene would always stick by me, but when I got into trouble, he turned out to be ________________________.
5. Mind if I ____________________________________ on that drink? I have to work late tonight.
6. First he forgot his briefcase, then he lost his wallet, and when he reached the car park, his car had been stolen - ____________________________________!
7. Bill has very little contact with his brother. They see each other ________________________.
8. He wanted to go into show business, but friends told him to quit _______________________
9. They were arguing about who should go to the supermarket, but it was just ______________________.
10. He goes to the gym club every day, ____________________________.
11. As soon as we saw Pete's face, we knew there was _____________________________.
12. The chairman didn’t want the press to ___________________________ the takeover before the agreement was signed.