



# PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

Episode 17:

“It’s Raining Cats and Dogs”

Duration: 08:19

How to use this transcript:

1. Print this transcript:

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2. Write on it and take notes:

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3. Listen first **without** the transcript:

Don’t worry about understanding every single word. Just focus on training your ears to the sound of English.

4. Listen again **with** the transcript:

Listen a second time with the transcript, pausing whenever you want to

<p>00:00</p>	<p>Hello everyone, welcome to <i>The Déclis Anglais Podcast</i>.</p> <p>Welcome, one and all, I'm Tom, your teacher from Déclis Anglais. I hope you're all well. This is episode 17, "it's raining cats and dogs!"</p> <p>00:25 Before we begin, I'd like to say hello to some listeners of the show: Hello to Fabrice from Bastia, to Christel, Michel in Wittelsheim and to Catherine in Westhalten!</p> <p>00:42 Today's topic, "it's raining cats and dogs." (<i>Il pleut des chats et des chiens – en gros, il pleut des cordes, beaucoup!</i>) <i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>00:52</p> <p>1:05</p>	<p>The past few weeks here in Alsace, the weather has been <i>very</i> wet and quite cold. The weather has been <i>very</i>, well... British!</p> <p>Many of my students already know the English expression: "It's raining cats and dogs." Yes, this is an idiomatic expression meaning that it is raining <i>very</i> heavily. Now, it's a funny expression and please feel free to use it! But to tell you the truth, I haven't heard someone say "It's raining cats and dogs" for a long time.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>



03:17	<p>So in a sentence: “it’s spitting outside” <i>il bruine dehors</i>, “it’s spitting outside.”</p> <p>Now, let’s imagine you are still out walking your dog. Spitting is usually followed by something heavier, let’s imagine it <i>really</i> starts raining. We can say: “it’s tipping down!” In French, you would say “<i>il pleut à verse</i>”. “It’s tipping down!”</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:56	<p>The word <i>to tip</i> you may know already as “laisser un pourboire”, you tip the waiter at the restaurant, for example. But in some contexts, <i>tip</i> can also mean, <i>renverser</i>, or <i>incliner</i> like a glass of water.</p>
04:16	<p>When we add the preposition <i>down</i> to make <i>tip down</i>, this means “<i>il pleut à verse</i>”. It’s tipping down!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
04:30	<p>Ok, dear listeners. So intonation and rhythm are very important. Listen to the way I say it:</p> <p>“It’s tipping down!” (x2). I put the accent, I accentuate the word “tipping”, don’t I? “It’s tipping down.”</p>
04:54	<p>So, wherever you are right now, stop what you are doing and listen to me. I will say “it’s tipping down” 3 times. I will pause after each time. When I pause, you repeat “it’s tipping down”. Try to imitate my intonation as closely as possible. Are you ready? Here we go:</p> <p><i>“It’s tipping down.” (3 times)</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>



<p>07:21</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When the rain is just beginning, “it’s spitting” <i>il bruine</i>, “it’s spitting.”</li> <li>2. When it’s raining well, “it’s tipping down” <i>il pleut à verse</i>, “it’s tipping down.”</li> </ol>
<p>07:39</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. And finally, it’s raining heavily all day, and so you comment to your friends, “Hmm, nice weather...for ducks.” <i>Beau temps, pour les canards</i>. “Hmm, nice weather... for ducks!”</li> </ol> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>07:58</p>	<p>I hope you’ve enjoyed this episode of <i>The Décllic Anglais Podcast</i>. Have a great week and stay dry! Bye for now.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

## How did it go?

Take a moment to revisit the notes that you took.

List here 3 words or expressions (minimum) that you would like to remember from this podcast. We recommend that you consult a free, online dictionary like [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) to ensure that you have the correct definition and context.

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