

# What's the Weather?

Weather is very important in our lives.

A lot of what we do depends on the weather. We have to know how to get dressed for school, work, or even a picnic! If bad weather is coming, we want to know about it. We need to get ready!

How can we tell what the weather will be? One tool is a **thermometer**. It shows how hot or cold the air is. Another tool is a **wind sock**. It shows which way the wind blows.



The sky can also tell us the weather! Different **clouds** bring different kinds of weather.

## Common Clouds



**Cumulus** (KYOOM-yoo-lus)

If you see clouds like this, the weather will be nice.



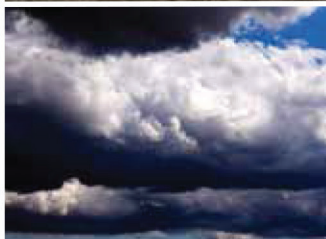
**Cirrus** (SIR-us)

If you see clouds like this, the weather is nice but may be changing.



**Stratus** (STRAY-tus)

If you see clouds like this, it might rain a little.



**Cumulonimbus** (KYOOM-yoo-loh-NIM-bus)

If you see clouds like this, it might rain a lot!