

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!