

Light rain for a few hours

No rain - changing weather

Complements

Thunderstorms
Heavy rain for a short time

If all white - fair weather
If bottom is dark - rain

Feb 20-7:18 AM Feb 20-7:12 AM

Cirrus Made of ice crystals Look like wispy, feathery commas,

high in the sky. Weather:

Weather

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Cumulus Made of water droplets
Look like big, puffy cotton balls.

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## Cumulonimbus water droplets

Big, dark, tall, puffy storm clouds.

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## Stratus Made of water droplets

Look like flat, thick blankets of cloud

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1. How do clouds form?

Clouds form when hot moist air goes up into the atmosphere where the cool air changes the water vapor to water droplets OR ice crystals.

- 2. Were your predictions correct?
- 3. What characteristics of clouds are the most important for classifying them?

The important characteristics for classifying clouds are their shape, color, size, spacing, temperature, and their height above the ground.

What characteristics of clouds are most important for predicting the weather?

The important characteristics for predicting the weather are the type of cloud, color, and height above the ground.

Feb 20-7:27 AM Dec 2-9:14 AM

1. These clouds can form an extensive cloud cover.

stratus

- These clouds are related to rain formation and storms and look like cotton.
   cumulus
- These tall and dark clouds are often referred to as thunderclouds.
   cumulonimbus
- These kinds of clouds are wispy and often remain in the sky for several days.
   cirrus

Dec 2-3:33 PM Dec 2-11:46 AM