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# TYPES OF CLOUDS

Looking at the clouds carefully can help us predict the weather.

Meteorologists group clouds by how they look. Let's look at four main types more closely. Write your own description for each cloud in the boxes below.

1. Cirrus clouds are made up of tiny chunks of ice. They are thin wispy clouds that sit high up in the sky. When you see these clouds, it means the weather might change soon.



2. Cumulus clouds are white, puffy clouds that look like giant cotton balls in the sky. These clouds float along in the blue sunny skies and mean good weather.



3. Stratus clouds sit low in the sky. They cover the sky like a gray blanket often blocking out the sun. They are usually dark grey or black. They warn us that rain is coming!



4. Cumulonimbus clouds are dark gray. These clouds signal to us that a thunderstorm is coming so it's time to take cover. As they break apart, they let out buckets of water or snow.

