

Clouds & Precipitation

Clouds are made of water vapor and dust. When the water gets too heavy, it falls back to the Earth. Clouds are named according to their location and shape, such as cumulus, or puffy, stratus, or blanketed, and cirrus, or high and cold.



Key vocabulary

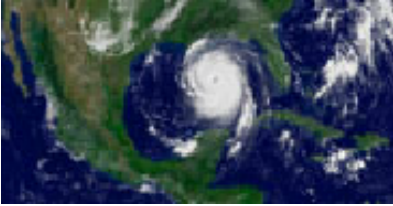
precipitation

The falling of water from the sky in the form of rain, sleet, hail, or snow.

meteorologist

Someone who specializes in meteorology.

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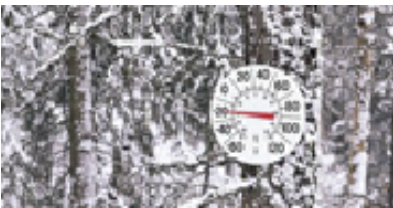
The Water Cycle

You probably see rain or snow all the time, but do you know how water gets back up into the sky? The water cycle makes sure water gets where it needs to go.



Weather & Climate

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Earth's Atmosphere

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