



# cloud descriptors



**altocumulus**

puffy, patchy, ripples, in a group

*altostratus*

smooth, gray, sheet, can see the sun

**cirrocumulus**

thin, white patches, small ripples

*cirrostratus*

very thin, veil, continuous

*cirrus*

thin, wispy, feathery, curl of hair

**cumulonimbus**

large, compact, vertical, dark base, severe weather

**cumulus**

fluffy, pile, clumpy, round top, flat bottom

*fog*

gray, dark, thick, low-lying, horizon, hard to see

***nimbostratus***

light rain, gloomy, thick, dark

***stratocumulus***

connected clumps, low patches

***stratus***

thin, gray, large, horizontal blanket