

ANSWER KEY



Types of Clouds

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1. Name the two types of low-level clouds.

stratus and nimbostratus

2. What type of clouds are called "fair weather clouds" and look like floating cotton?

cumulus

note: Cirrus clouds often mean fair weather too, but they do not look like cotton.

3. Name two types of clouds that are between 20,000 and 65,000 feet in the air.

altocumulus and altostratus

4. Which type of clouds brings lightning, thunder, and tornadoes?

cumulonimbus

5. Are stratus clouds or cirrus clouds found closer to the ground?

stratus

6. What are cirrus, cirrostratus, and cirrocumulus clouds made of?

ice crystals

7. What type of cloud is often formed by fog lifting in the morning?

stratus

8. Why are cirrocumulus clouds sometimes called mackerel clouds?

They look like fish scales.