

# Cloud Drawing and Identification

**Purpose:** This is a simple, fun activity to introduce your children to how clouds are categorized and named. You may want to start or follow-up with a more in-depth lesson using the resources in:

## How Clouds Got Their Names

**Preparation:** Print one page for each child. Head outside to find a cloud to draw.

**Use:** Have your children draw a cloud they see. Then, help them circle the color, altitude, and appearance of the cloud as best they can. The Latin cloud names are next to each characteristic.

Then, use this information to find the best name for the cloud. You can Google the name you choose to see if it looks like the cloud you drew!

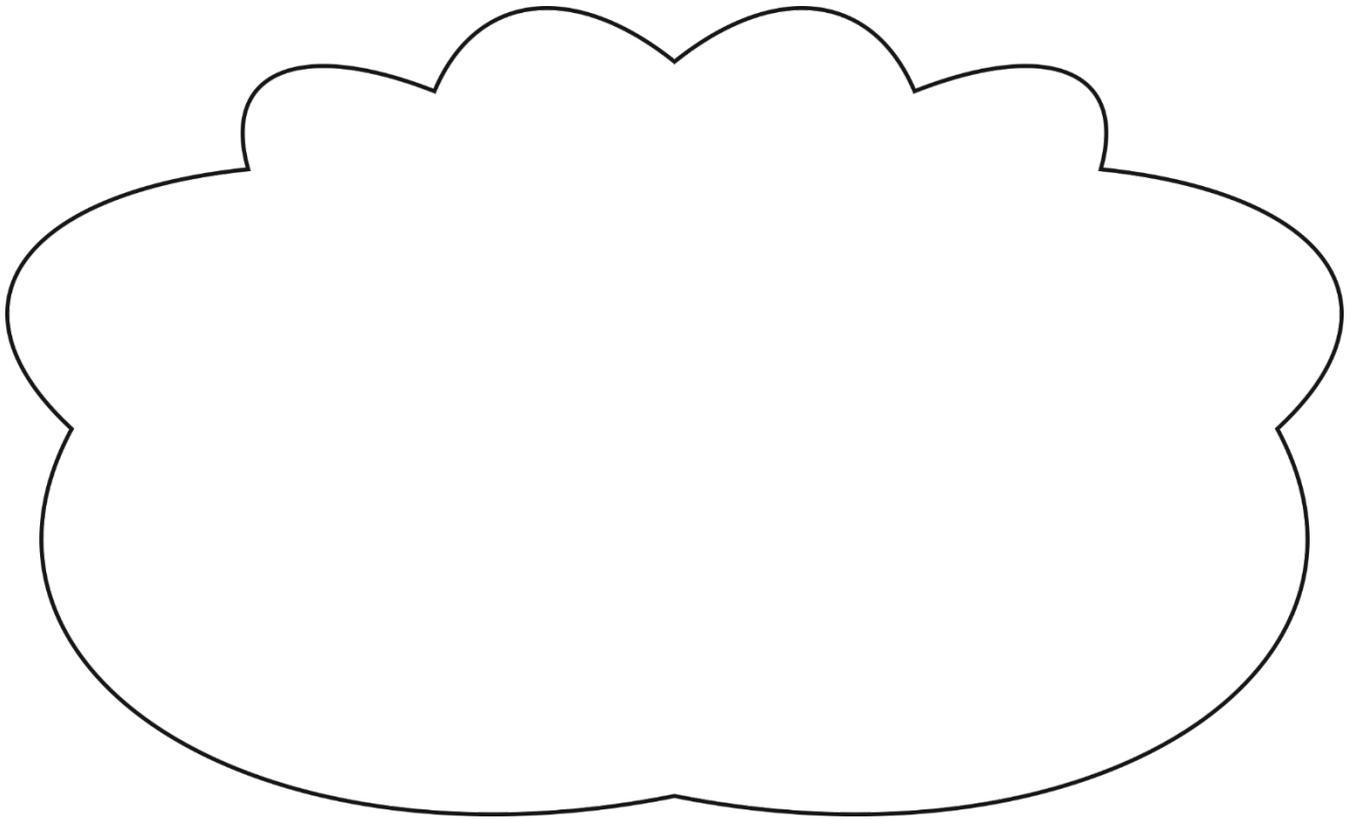
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# Draw Your Cloud



## Identify Your Cloud

CIRCLE the words that describe your cloud and then find the combination of names below to determine which type of cloud it may be.

<b>Color:</b>	White	Gray ( <i>Nimbus</i> = Rain)	
<b>Height:</b> (Altitude)	High ( <i>Cirrus</i> ) (Above 20,000 ft.) (usually wispy)	Middle ( <i>Alto</i> ) (6500-20,000 feet)	Low ( <i>Stratus</i> ) (<6500 ft.)
<b>Appearance:</b>	Puffy ( <i>Cumulus</i> )	Flat and Layered ( <i>Stratus</i> )	

## Possible Names (Circle One)

Cumulus	Cirrocumulus	Alto cumulus	Stratocumulus
Cumulonimbus	Stratus	Altostratus	Nimbostratus
Cirrostratus	Cirrus		

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