

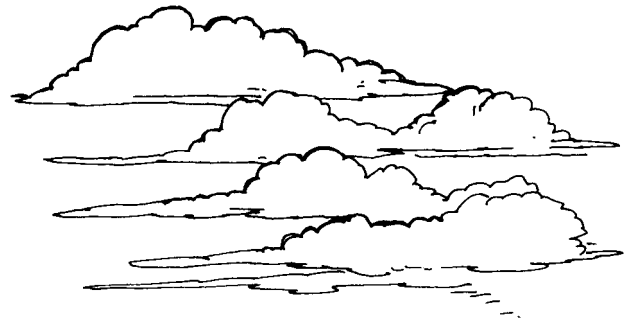
# What Are Those Clouds? (cont.)

## Types of Clouds

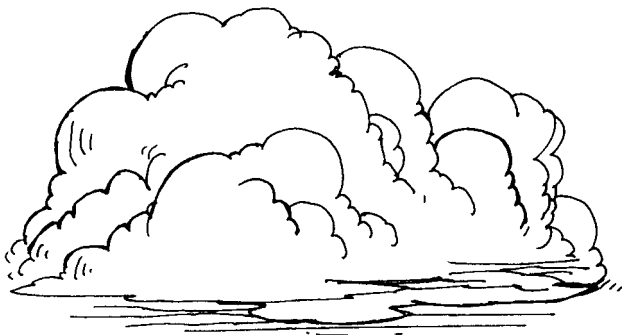
The following illustrations show the three basic types of clouds and the cumulonimbus clouds. Below the illustrations, descriptions are given, along with explanations of how the clouds were named.



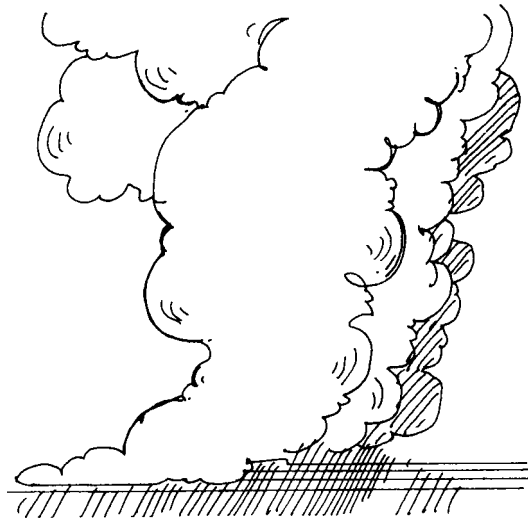
**Cirrus** clouds are high, thin, white clouds that are made of tiny ice pieces. *Cirrus* is a Latin word meaning curl.



**Stratus** clouds are low, flat gray clouds which are layered. When stratus clouds lie close to the ground, they are called fog. *Stratus* is a Latin word which means layer.



**Cumulus** clouds are white, puffy clouds which form in warm air on sunny days. They can quickly develop into thunder clouds or cumulonimbus clouds. *Cumulus* is Latin for heap.



**Cumulonimbus** clouds or thunderheads are huge, puffy, dark clouds, which are a type of cumulus cloud. *Nimbus* is Latin for rain.

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## *Clouds in the Atmosphere*

This table illustrates several types of clouds and the heights they can reach in the atmosphere.

