

Clouds

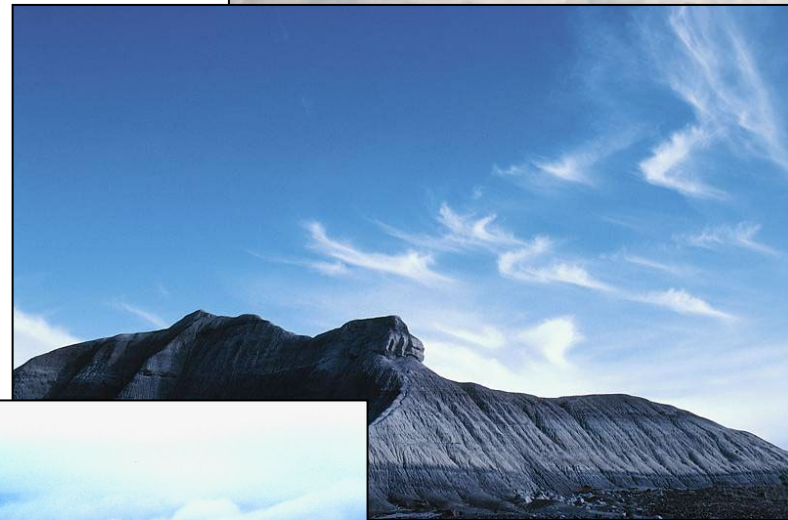


Clouds form when moist air rises and condenses into water or ice crystals. This takes between a few minutes and an hour.

How are clouds classified?

Clouds are classified using three criteria:

- **shape**
- **altitude**
- if they bring **precipitation.**



Classifying clouds



Clouds are named according to their height, shape and whether they bring precipitation.



Altostratus



Mid-level
cloud



Layered
cloud



Cumulonimbus



Heaped
fluffy cloud



Brings
rain



Types of cloud

