

Name _____



Cloud-to-Weather Match

Each cloud type is often linked with certain weather. Match the cloud on the left (1-8) with the correct weather description (A-H) on the right. Write the letter of the weather condition next to the cloud name.

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| 1. Cirrus | A. Gray blanket cloud that brings long, steady rain or snow |
| 2. Cirrostratus | B. Puffy, heap-like, fair-weather cloud that sometimes grows into storms |
| 3. Cirrocumulus | C. Thin, wispy streaks that signal a change in the weather is coming |
| 4. Altostratus | D. White or gray patchy clouds, larger "puffs" often in groups, may signal afternoon thunderstorms |
| 5. Alto cumulus | E. Low, uniform gray layer that can bring drizzle or mist |
| 6. Stratus | F. Transparent, veil-like layer creating halos around sun or moon |
| 7. Nimbostratus | G. High, patchy, small white "fish-scale" clouds linked with fair but cold weather |
| 8. Cumulonimbus | H. Towering thunderstorm clouds with heavy rain, lightning, and sometimes hail |

Reflection Question: Which cloud type would you want to watch most closely if you were planning a picnic? Why?
