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- : a white or gray mass in the sky that is made of many very small drops of water
- : a large amount of smoke, dust, etc., that hangs in the air
- : a large number of things (such as insects) that move together through the air in a group

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Full Definition of CLOUD

- : a visible mass of particles of condensed vapor (as water or ice) suspended in the atmosphere of a planet (as the earth) or moon
- : something resembling or suggesting a cloud: as
 - : a light filmy, puffy, or billowy mass seeming to float in the air <a *cloud* of blond hair> <a ship under a *cloud* of sail>
 - (1) : a usually visible mass of minute particles suspended in the air or a gas (2) : an aggregation of usually obscuring matter especially in interstellar space (3) : an aggregate of charged particles (as electrons)
 - : a great crowd or multitude : *SWARM* <*clouds* of mosquitoes>
- : something that has a dark, lowering, or threatening aspect <*clouds* of war> <a *cloud* of suspicion>
- : something that obscures or blemishes <a *cloud* of ambiguity>
- : a dark or opaque vein or spot (as in marble or a precious stone)
- : the computers and connections that support cloud computing <storing files in the *cloud*>

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Examples of CLOUD

The sun is shining and there's not a *cloud* in the sky.

flying high above the *clouds*

It stopped raining and the sun poked through the *clouds*.

a *cloud* of cigarette smoke

The team has been *under a cloud* since its members were caught cheating.

There's a *cloud of controversy* hanging over the election.

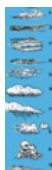
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Illustration of CLOUD



Origin of CLOUD

Middle English, rock, cloud, from Old English *clūd*; perhaps akin to Greek *gloutos* buttock

First Known Use: 14th century

Related to CLOUD

Synonyms

darkness, pall, shadow

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Other Climate/Meteorology Terms

monsoon, occlusion, ozone, rime, squall, zephyr

Rhymes with CLOUD

boughed, bowed, browed, crowd, loud, proud, shroud, stroud



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verb

- : to confuse (a person's mind or judgment)
- : to make (something, such as an issue or situation) difficult to understand
- : to affect (something) in a bad way

Full Definition of CLOUD

intransitive verb

- 1** : to grow **cloudy** —usually used with *over* or *up* <*clouded over* before the storm>
- 2** **a of facial features** : to become troubled, apprehensive, or distressed in appearance <her face *clouded* with worry>
 - b** : to become blurry, dubious, or ominous —often used with *over* <the outlook is *clouding over*>
- 3** : to billow up in the form of a cloud

transitive verb

- 1** **a** : to envelop or hide with or as if with a cloud
 - b** : to make opaque especially by condensation of moisture <steam *clouded* the windows>
 - c** : to make murky especially with smoke or mist <smoke *clouded* the sky>
- 2** : to make unclear or confused <*cloud* the issue>
- 3** : **TAINT, SULLY** <a *clouded* reputation>
- 4** : to cast gloom over <*cloud* prospects for success>

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Examples of CLOUD

greed *clouding the minds* of men

These new ideas only *cloud* the issue further.

The final years of her life were *clouded* by illness.

First Known Use of CLOUD

1562

Related to CLOUD

Synonyms

becloud, bedim, befog, blacken, blear, blur, darken, dim, dislimn, fog, fuzz (up), haze, mist, obscure, overcast, overcloud, overshadow, shadow, shroud

Antonyms

brighten, illuminate, illumine, light (up), lighten

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CLOUD Defined for Kids

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noun | \ˈklaʊd\

Definition of CLOUD for Kids

- 1** : a visible mass of tiny bits of water or ice hanging in the air usually high above the earth
- 2** : a visible mass of small particles in the air <a *cloud* of dust>
- 3** : a large number of things that move together in a group <a *cloud* of mosquitoes>
- 4** : an overwhelming feeling <The news cast a *cloud* of gloom.>
- 5** : the computers and connections that support cloud computing

— **cloud·less** | \-ləs\ | *adjective*

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verb

cloud·ed **cloud·ing**

Definition of CLOUD for Kids

- 1** : to make or become cloudy <The sky *clouded* up.>
- 2** : to have a bad effect on <Involvement in the crime *clouded* his future.>
- 3** : to make confused <Doubts *clouded* her judgment.>

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