

**cloud** *n*

## 1. облако, туча

the sun hidden by clouds - солнце, закрытое облаками

cloud bar - гряда облаков, облачный вал

cloud break - разрыв /окно, просвет/ в облаках

cloud cover - облачный покров

cloud deck - облачный слой

2. облако, клубы (*дыма и т. п.*)

cloud of dust [steam] - облако /клуб/ пыли [пара]

smoke cloud - дымовое облако

cloud of electrons - *физ.* электронное облако

cloud attack - *воен.* газобаллонная атака

## 3. туча, масса, тьма

cloud of mosquitoes [arrows] - туча комаров [стрел]

cloud of flies - тьма мух

## 4. покров; завеса

under cloud of night - под покровом ночи

a cloud of witnesses - а) *библ.* облако свидетелей; б) множество очевидцев

## 5. что-л. омрачающее, бросающее тень

cloud of war - угроза /опасность/ войны

cloud on smb.'s happiness - облачко, омрачающее чьё-л. счастье

cloud of grief - облако грусти

cloud of suspicion - тень подозрения

cloud on smb.'s reputation - пятно на чьей-л. репутации

6. *р/ возвыш.* небо, небеса

to sail up into the clouds - взвиться /подняться/ в облака /в небеса/

## 7. свободно связанный шерстяной женский шарф

8. 1) помутнение *или* жилка (*в камне*)2) *спец.* «облако» точек на диаграмме9. *спец.* пятно

◇ cloud buster - а) небоскрёб; б) скоростной самолёт; в) высокий мяч (*баскетбол*)

to blow a cloud - курить табак, пускать облако дыма

to have a cloud on one's brow - смотреть тучей

to have one's head in the clouds, to be in the clouds - витать в облаках

to drop from the clouds - а)  $\cong$  как /будто/ с неба свалился; б) свалилось как снег на голову

to be lost /to lose oneself/ in the clouds - запутаться (*в аргументах и т. п.*)

to cast a cloud - вызывать отчуждённость /холодок в отношениях/

to be under a cloud - а) быть под подозрением; быть в немилости; быть на плохом счету; б) быть в тяжёлом положении /в затруднении/

every cloud has a /its/ silver lining - и в плохом можно найти хорошее

2. [klaʊd] *v*

## 1. 1) покрывать облаками, тучами

the moon is clouded - луна закрыта облаками

2) покрываться облаками, тучами, заволакиваться (*тж.* cloud over, cloud up)

the sky clouded over - небо покрылось тучами

## 2. 1) омрачать

to cloud the spirits [happiness] - омрачить настроение [счастье]

## 2) затемнять

a mist clouded our view - нам было плохо видно из-за тумана

his mind was clouded with suffering - страдание затмило его рассудок

## 3) омрачаться

her eyes clouded - её глаза затуманились

his face clouded with anger - его лицо потемнело от гнева

3. запятнать (*репутацию*); очернить4. оттенять тёмными полосами *или* пятнами5. *хим.* мутнеть**cloud**

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**cloud** [klaʊd klaʊds klaʊdɪd klaʊdɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* [klaʊd] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [klaʊd]

**noun**1. **countable, uncountable** a grey or white mass made of very small drops of water, that floats in the sky

- The sun went behind a cloud.
- It was scorching and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.
- The plane was flying in cloud most of the way.

**see also** ↑storm cloud, ↑thundercloud

2. **countable** a large mass of sth in the air, for example dust or smoke, or a number of insects flying all together3. **countable** something that makes you feel sad or anxious

- Her father's illness **cast a cloud over** her wedding day.
- The only dark **cloud on the horizon** was that they might have to move house.
- He still has **a cloud of suspicion hanging over him**.

**more at** have your head in the clouds **at** ↑**head** <sub>n.</sub>

### Word Origin:

Old English clūd 'mass of rock or earth'; probably related to ↑**clot**. Sense 1 dates from Middle English.

### Thesaurus:

**cloud** noun C, U

1.

- The sun went behind a cloud.
- Thick cloud hung over the moor.

**fog** • • **mist** • |written **haze** •

**in/through** (a) cloud/fog/mist/haze

(a) **thick/heavy/dense/grey/swirling** cloud/fog/mist

**be shrouded in** cloud/fog/mist

2. C, U

- The car disappeared in a cloud of dust.

written **plume** • • **haze** •

a cloud/plume/haze **of** sth

a cloud/plume/haze of **smoke/dust/steam**

**in/through** a cloud/haze

### Collocations:

#### The weather

##### Good weather

**be bathed in/bask in/be blessed with/enjoy** bright/brilliant/glorious sunshine

the sun **shines/warms sth/beats down (on sth)**

the sunshine **breaks/streams through sth**

fluffy/wispy clouds **drift across the sky**

a gentle/light/stiff/cool/warm/sea breeze **blows in/comes in off the sea**

the snow **crunches beneath /under sb's feet/boots**

##### Bad weather

thick/dark/storm clouds **form/gather/roll in/cover the sky/block out the sun**

the sky **darkens/turns black**

a fine mist **hangs in the air**

a dense/heavy/thick fog **rolls in**

the rain **falls/comes down (in buckets/sheets)/pours down**

snow **falls/comes down/covers sth**

the wind **blows/whistles/howls/picks up/whips through sth/sweeps across sth**

strong/gale-force winds **blow/gust (up to 80 mph)**

a storm **is approaching /is moving inland /hits/strikes/rages**

thunder **rolls/rumbles/sounds**

(forked/sheet) lightning **strikes/hits/flashs**

a (blinding/snow) blizzard **hits/strikes/blows/rages**

a tornado **touches down /hits/strikes/destroys sth/rips through sth**

**forecast/expect /predict** rain/snow/a category-four hurricane

(NAme) **pour (down) / (BrE) pour (down) with rain**

**get caught in/seek shelter from/escape** the rain

**be covered/shrouded in mist/a blanket of fog**

**be in for/brave/shelter from a/the storm**

hear **rolling/distant thunder**

**be battered/buffed by** strong winds

(BrE) **be blowing** a gale

**battle against/brave** the elements

##### The weather improves

the sun **breaks through the clouds**

the sky **clears/brightens (up)/lightens (up)**

the clouds **part/clear**

the rain **stops/lets up/holds off**

the wind **dies down**

the storm **passes**

the mist/fog **lifts/clears**

### Example Bank:

- Dark clouds were gathering in the west.
- Rain clouds were looming on the horizon.
- She could see the sun through the clouds.

- The cloud cover is quite dense today.
- The clouds broke a little, and the sun came out.
- The wind blew across the beach, forming clouds of sand.
- Thick cloud hung over the moor.
- We were flying above the clouds.
- White clouds scudded across the sky.
- a great cloud of black smoke
- a layer of high cloud
- a thick cloud of steam
- skies of broken cloud
- the mushroom cloud from a nuclear bomb
- Above the mountains storm clouds were gathering.
- It was scorching and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.
- The sky turned dark as a great cloud of locusts blocked out the sun.
- They watched the car disappearing in a cloud of dust.

Idioms: ↑ every cloud has a silver lining ▪ ↑ on cloud nine ▪ ↑ under a cloud

### verb

- 1. transitive ~ sth** if sth clouds your judgement, memory, etc, it makes it difficult for you to understand or remember sth clearly
  - Doubts were beginning to cloud my mind.
  - His judgement was clouded by jealousy.
- 2. intransitive, transitive (formal) (of sb's face)** to show sadness, fear, anger, etc; to make sb look sad, afraid, angry, etc
  - ~ **(over)** Her face clouded over with anger.
  - ~ **sth** Suspicion clouded his face.
- 3. transitive ~ the issue** to make sth you are discussing or considering less clear, especially by introducing subjects that are not connected with it
- 4. intransitive ~ (over) (of the sky)** to fill with clouds
  - It was beginning to cloud over.
- 5. transitive ~ sth** to make sth less pleasant or enjoyable
  - His last years were clouded by financial worries.
- 6. intransitive, transitive** if glass, water, etc. clouds, or if sth clouds it, it becomes less transparent
  - ~ **(with sth)** Her eyes clouded with tears.
  - ~ **sth** Steam had clouded the mirror.

### Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cloud
	BrE /klaʊd/
	NAmE /klaʊd/
he / she / it	clouds
	BrE /klaʊdz/
	NAmE /klaʊdz/
past simple, past participle	clouded
	BrE /klaʊdɪd/
	NAmE /klaʊdɪd/
-ing form	clouding
	BrE /klaʊdɪŋ/
	NAmE /klaʊdɪŋ/

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### Example Bank:

- Cost factors should not be allowed to cloud the issue.
- Further clouding the picture is the question of racial discrimination.
- Her happiness was clouded by having to leave her daughter behind in Jamaica.
- His last years were clouded by ill health.
- That day, the skies had clouded and it had become cool.
- The sky clouded over and it started to rain.

## cloud

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1. **cloud**<sup>1</sup> **S3 W3** /klaʊd/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: clud 'rock, hill'; because some clouds look like rocks]



1. **IN THE SKY** [uncountable and countable] a white or grey mass in the sky that forms from very small drops of water

heavy/thick/dense etc clouds

- Dark clouds floated across the moon.
- Heavy clouds had gathered over the summit of Mont Blanc.

low/high cloud

- Visibility was bad due to low cloud. ⇒ ↑ storm cloud, ↑ thundercloud

2. **IN THE AIR** [countable] a mass of dust, smoke etc in the air, or a large number of insects flying together

cloud of dust/smoke/gas etc

- A cloud of steam rose into the air.
- clouds of mosquitoes buzzing around us

3. **PROBLEM** [countable] something that makes you feel afraid, worried, unhappy etc

cloud of

- the cloud of economic recession

cloud on the horizon (=something that might spoil a happy situation)

- The only cloud on the horizon was her mother's illness.
- Fears of renewed terrorist attacks cast a cloud over the event (=spoilt the happy situation).
- He returned to New York under a cloud of gloom and despair.

4. **under a cloud (of suspicion)** informal if someone is under a cloud, people have a bad opinion of them because they think they have done something wrong:

- He left the company under a cloud of suspicion.

5. **be on cloud nine** informal to be very happy about something

6. **every cloud has a silver lining** used to say that there is something good even in a situation that seems very sad or difficult

7. **be/live in cloud-cuckoo-land** British English to think that a situation is much better than it really is, in a way that is slightly stupid

⇒ have your head in the clouds at ↑ head<sup>1</sup>(24)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + cloud

- a black/grey cloud Black clouds usually mean rain.
- a dark cloud (=a black or grey cloud) A dark cloud covered the sun.
- a white cloud There was a bright blue sky with a few white clouds.
- heavy/thick cloud (also dense cloud formal) By midday, heavy clouds had spread across the sky.
- low/high cloud The weather was overcast, with heavy low clouds.
- storm clouds Dark storm clouds were moving in from the Atlantic.
- rain clouds The sky had been full of rain clouds for days.

### phrases

- a bank/mass of cloud (=a large block of cloud) A heavy bank of cloud was creeping across the sky.
- a layer of cloud The moon was shining through a thin layer of cloud.
- wisps of cloud (=long thin pieces) The plane flew through occasional wisps of cloud.
- a band of cloud (=a long narrow area) Long narrow bands of cloud stretched across the valley.
- a blanket of cloud (=a thick layer) In the morning, a blanket of cloud still covered the country.
- a veil of cloud (=a thin layer) A thin veil of cloud hid the moon.

### verbs

- clouds gather/form The sky had darkened and clouds had gathered.
- clouds cover something For days thick cloud had covered the whole sky.
- clouds clear/lift (=disappear) At last the rain had stopped and the clouds had cleared.
- clouds part (=move away from each other) Suddenly the clouds that covered the moon parted.
- clouds move/roll A narrow band of cloud has been moving across the country.
- clouds drift/float (=move slowly) A few clouds drifted across the top of the mountains.
- clouds race/scud (=move quickly) A wind was blowing and soft clouds were scudding across the sky.
- clouds hang Heavy grey clouds hung low in the sky.

### cloud + NOUN

- cloud cover The cloud cover should disappear by the afternoon.
- cloud formation (=the shape in which cloud forms) There are many different types of cloud formation.

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## THESAURUS

- **cloud** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a white or grey mass in the sky that forms from very small drops of water: The storm was still a way off but black clouds were gathering. | Thick cloud obscured the top of the hill.
- **fog** *noun* [uncountable and countable] very thick cloud near the ground which is difficult to see through: The cars crashed into each other in thick fog. | The fog had lifted (=disappeared) slightly.
- **mist** *noun* [uncountable and countable] light cloud near the ground that makes it difficult for you to see very far. **Mist** is usually not as thick as **fog**. You often get mist near areas of water or mountains: The morning mist was lifting and the sun was coming up. | A grey mist hung over the water. | The hills were shrouded in mist (=surrounded by mist).
- **haze** *noun* [singular, uncountable] smoke, dust, or mist in the air which is difficult to see through: He saw the horses coming towards him through a haze of dust. | The road shimmered in the heat haze. | A pale blue haze hung over the far-off mountains.
- **smog** *noun* [uncountable and countable] dirty air that looks like a mixture of smoke and fog, caused by smoke from cars and factories in cities: The city is covered in smog for much of the year. | A smog warning was issued for parts of Southern Oregon.
- **thundercloud** *noun* [countable] a large dark cloud that you see before or during a storm: He watched the thunderclouds roll across the valley.
- **vapour trail** *British English*, **vapor trail** *American English* *noun* [countable] the white line that is left in the sky by a plane: High overhead, a jet left its vapour trail across the blue sky.

## II. cloud<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. [transitive] to make someone less able to think clearly or make sensible decisions

cloud sb's judgement/mind/vision etc

- Don't let your personal feelings cloud your judgement.
- Fear had clouded his vision.

2. (also **cloud over**) [intransitive and transitive] if someone's face or eyes cloud, or if something clouds them, they start to look angry, sad, or worried:

- Ann's eyes clouded with the pain.
- Then suspicion clouded his face.

3. [transitive usually passive] to make something less pleasant or more difficult than it should have been:

- Her happiness was clouded by having to leave her son behind.

4. **cloud the issue/picture etc** to make a subject or problem more difficult to understand or deal with, especially by introducing unnecessary ideas:

- Uninformed judgements only cloud the issue.

5. (also **cloud up**) [intransitive and transitive] if glass or a liquid clouds, or if something clouds it, it becomes less clear and more difficult to see through:

- windows clouded up with steam
- The water clouded and I could no longer see the river bed.

6. [transitive] to cover something with clouds:

- Thick mist clouded the mountain tops.

**cloud over** *phrasal verb*

1. (also **cloud up** *American English*) if the sky clouds over, it becomes dark and full of black clouds

2. if someone's face or eyes cloud over, they start to look angry or sad:

- His face clouded over in disappointment.

## cloud

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