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Scientists list 12 new types of cloud

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

THE READING

The International Cloud Atlas has named 12 'new' types of clouds. They become the first new clouds since 1987. The atlas started in 1896. It is the standard and most authoritative reference tool on clouds. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) publishes it and decides if there is a new cloud. The WMO said you don't need to be an expert on clouds to find a new one. You just need to take a photo and send it to the WMO.

The cloud creating the biggest buzz online is named asperitas. It looks like big waves at sea. Another is the volutus. This a tube-shaped cloud that looks like it is rolling. The WMO said naming the clouds was important, saying: "By learning the name of the formations…we pay attention to and value what we see around us." It added that naming the clouds helped people to, "value our atmosphere and to pay attention to our impact on it".

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PHRASE MATCHING

From

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	named 12 'new'	a.	tool
2.	the first new clouds	b.	types of clouds
3.	The atlas	c.	send it to the WMO
4.	the standard and most	d.	since 1987
5.	reference	e.	an expert
6.	decides if there	f.	authoritative
7.	you don't need to be	g.	started in 1896
8.	take a photo and	h.	is a new cloud

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	The cloud creating the biggest buzz	a.	shaped cloud
2.	It looks like big waves	b.	our atmosphere
3.	a tube-	c.	is rolling
4.	looks like it	d.	attention to
5.	naming the clouds was	e.	online
6.	pay	f.	on it
7.	helped people to value	g.	at sea
8.	our impact	h.	important

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

The International Cloud Atlas has named (1) _____ clouds. They become the first new clouds since 1987. The (2) _____ 1896. It is the (3) _____ most authoritative reference tool on clouds. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (4) _____ decides if there is a new cloud. The WMO said you don't need (5) _____ on clouds to find a new one. You just need to take a photo (6) _____ the WMO.

The cloud creating the biggest (7) _____ named asperitas. It looks like big (8) _____. Another is the volutus. This a tube-shaped cloud that looks (9) _____. The WMO said naming the clouds (10) _____, saying: "By learning the name of the formations…we pay attention to and value what (11) _____." It added that naming the clouds helped people to, "value our atmosphere and to (12) _____ our impact on it".

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CLOUDS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about clouds in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **clouds** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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