Cloud Drawing Type Worksheet: Sketch and Label Cumulus, Stratus, and Cirrus

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Sketch a cumulus cloud using a wide base and three to five connected rounded lobes. Draw a label box below it and write the cloud type.

Answer: A sketch with a wide base and three to five connected rounded lobes, a label box below, and 'cumulus' written in the box.

Reason: The bumpy, lobed outline matches the cumulus cue, and the label box below the sketch follows the convention.

Check: Count the lobes (three to five), confirm they are connected, and check that the label box is below the sketch with the word 'cumulus'.

Task 2

Sketch a stratus cloud as a wide, flat band about three times as wide as it is tall, with mostly straight top and bottom edges. Label it below.

Answer: A wide horizontal band about three times as wide as it is tall, mostly straight edges, a label box below, and 'stratus' written in the box.

Reason: The flat, wide band matches the stratus cue, and the label below follows the convention.

Check: Measure roughly: width is about three times the height; top and bottom are mostly straight; label box is below with 'stratus'.

Task 3

Sketch a cirrus cloud using two or three long, thin, curved strokes that taper at the ends and do not close into a blob. Label it below.

Answer: Two or three long, thin, curved tapered strokes that do not close, a label box below, and 'cirrus' written in the box.

Reason: The wispy, tapered strokes match the cirrus cue, and the label below follows the convention.

Check: Confirm the strokes are long and thin, taper at the ends, do not close into a shape, and the label box below says 'cirrus'.

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Task 4

Read this description and draw the matching cloud, then label it: 'a flat, wide band with a mostly straight top and small soft bumps at the ends.'

Answer: A flat, wide band with a mostly straight top and small soft bumps at the ends, labeled 'stratus' in a box below.

Reason: The description uses the flat cue, which matches stratus; the label box below follows the convention.

Check: Check that the outline is a wide flat band with a mostly straight top, the label box is below, and the word is 'stratus'.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Outline matches the named cloud type's shape cue: bumpy for cumulus, flat for stratus, wispy for cirrus.
- [ ] Label box is drawn directly below the sketch and contains the correct cloud type.
- [ ] Sketch uses simple lines without shading or extra weather symbols.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted if the outline clearly fits the cue and the label is correct; a short explanation is allowed when a shape is ambiguous.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?