

Fill in the blanks with the words below. ...

heavy

cloud

sleet

drops

wispy

far

made

air

shapes

puffy

Clouds are all made of drops of water. Sometimes, they are 1) _____ of tiny drops which are 2) _____ apart from each other. The wind holds these drops in the 3) _____. Other times, very strong upward winds inside the 4) _____ can hold up big drops of water. When the drops become too 5) _____ to stay up, they fall to the earth as rain. If it is very cold, the water 6) _____ fall to the earth as snow, hail or 7) _____. Clouds come in three basic 8) _____: cumulus clouds, which are heaped and 9) _____; stratus clouds, which are flat, and cirrus clouds, which are 10) _____. Clouds are important because they help nature move fresh water from one place to another.