

Definitions

Review the definitions below to build vocabulary with your students. Then distribute the fun language arts reproducible activities "Sky-High Crossword" (Grade K) and "The Changing Sky" (Grades 1–2).

Weather Words

cloud: made mostly of water and a tiny bit of dust

lightning: an electric burst caused by a buildup of static electricity in a cloud

rain: drops of water that fall to Earth when they become too heavy to remain in the air

rainbow: colorful bands of light that are made when sunlight passes through drops of water in the sky

snow: water drops that freeze in a cloud before they fall to the ground

weather: ever-changing conditions of the air around us

wind: air that is in motion

Space Words

atmosphere: a layer of air that surrounds and protects Earth from the heat of the sun and the coldness of space

Earth: the third planet from the sun; it is the only planet with people on it

Earth's moon: a large object made mostly of rock that orbits, or travels around, Earth; Earth's only natural satellite

meteor: a particle of matter in the solar system that we see as a streak of light as it enters Earth's atmosphere; also called a "shooting star"

rocket ship: a spacecraft that is powered by a rocket

space: the area above Earth's atmosphere that has many planets and stars in it

stars: large, bright balls of gas that give off heat and light

sun: the star that is closest to Earth and provides Earth's heat and light

Answers to reproducibles:

Sky-High Crossword: Across: 1. cloud; 2. sun; 3. rain; Down: 2. snow; 4. moon; 5. Earth

The Changing Sky: 1. clouds; 2. sun; 3. hiking; 4. stars, moon