



Access English Centre  
Immigrant Centre Manitoba  
Intermediate Level: Warm-up Activity  
**Cloud Watching**  
15 minutes



**Objective/Goal:**

This warm-up activity gives participants the opportunity to be creative and share ideas in a descriptive manner.

**Materials:**

Participants need:

- pictures  
(\*Optional-for Extension Activity:  
constellations or example images of  
clouds-Beginner level)

Facilitator needs:

- none
- For Extension Activity C.:  
Optional: - computer(with internet access)
  - projector
  - screen

**Procedure:**

**Before class:**

**Inform** the participants that they need to be prepared to be outside for 15 minutes for this class activity.

**Before the Activity:**

**Choose** a day when there will be clouds in the sky(not overcast or a clear, sunny day).

- 1) **Instruct** the participants that they will be looking up into the sky and describe what they see.
- 2) **Brainstorm** some sample questions that they can ask each other:  
"What does this cloud look like?"  
"This cloud looks like a \_\_\_\_\_."  
"No, it looks like a \_\_\_\_\_. " or "Yes, it certainly does."
- 3) **Point** to a cloud and **ask** the whole class to brainstorm different ideas:  
Ex. marshmallow



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- 4) **Divide** the participants into groups of 3.
- 5) **Give** each group 10 minutes.
- 6) Participants can **switch** group members and **share** their results.

Extension Activities:

\* *Extension Activities are alternative or extra activities that can be done to supplement an activity when there is extra time. They can also be done in the next class as a review of previous vocabulary or conversation.*

- A. If the Conversation Classes occur in the evenings then they can make Star Gazing comments instead. The facilitator can go over different star constellations, beforehand.
- B. You can go over the different types of clouds. Ex. cirrus, cumulus clouds, etc.
- C. Please see the websites for additional info or to share and display to the participants:

Ex. <http://eo.ucar.edu/webweather/cloud3.html>

Ex. [http://ww2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/\(Gh\)/guides/mtr/cld/cldtyp/home.xml](http://ww2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/(Gh)/guides/mtr/cld/cldtyp/home.xml)