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Rain Detective Checklist



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Clues that it will rain are all around you! Go outdoors and look for these signs. Circle the ones that you see.

Rain Clue	Dates Seen	Date of Next Rain	What It Means
<p>The contrails of jets, Mean you might get wet.</p> <p>Look for the long white streaks that planes make.</p>			<p>Contrails are made of ice crystals. They only form and last in the sky when the air is wet, which might mean rain in about three days.</p> <p>If jets don't make contrails or they disappear in seconds, the air is dry.</p>
<p>When birds fly low, Get set for a blow.</p> <p>Look for flocks of birds like sparrows, migrating birds like geese, and solo birds like hawks.</p>			<p>Low air pressure, a sign of coming rain, makes the ears of birds hurt—so they may fly lower in the sky to relieve the pain.</p> <p>“Birds flying high means a clear sky”—no rain coming.</p>
<p>Red sky in morning, Sailors take warning!</p> <p>Look at the sunrise in the east.</p>			<p>A red sunrise is caused by the dust in dry air. Dry air in the east has already moved away from you because weather usually travels from west to east. Wet air from the west moves in behind it.</p> <p>Red sunsets mean the opposite: “Red sky at night, Sailor's delight!”</p>
<p>Ring around the moon, Rain or snow soon.</p> <p>Look for a glowing circle around the moon.</p>			<p>The ring is caused by light shining through very high clouds. Like contrails, these high clouds usually mean rain in about three days.</p>



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