

Wind

Use this domain for words related to the wind. Some words refer to when the wind begins and ends. The wind changes in speed, so some words refer to how fast the wind is moving. Try to rank these on a scale from very slow to very fast. These words may also be distinguished by what the wind does, since a fast wind does more things. These words may also be distinguished by how long the wind blows. Some words refer to the speed of the wind becoming faster or slower. Some words distinguish a steady wind from a wind in which the speed keeps changing. Some words refer to when the speed of the wind becomes faster for a short time. A steady wind moves in a particular direction, so there are words that include the direction of the wind. The direction of the wind may refer to the points of the compass, a neighboring geographical feature or area, or the direction in which the speaker is moving. Some words refer to a wind that moves in a small circle, making a pillar of dust or a funnel-shaped cloud. Some words refer to what the wind does, such as when it moves or damages something. People can feel the wind, so some words refer to how it feels. The wind makes noise, so there are words that refer to the sound of the wind. In some cultures there is a relation between the wind and spirits, so some words may refer to the activity of the spirits in the wind, or that the wind brings disease.

- (1) What general words refer to the wind?
 - *wind, windy, wind current*
- (2) What words describe a wind that only lasts a short time?
 - *breath of air, puff of wind, gust, blast, flurry*
- (3) What words describe a steady wind?
 - *steady wind, trade wind, monsoon winds*
- (4) What words describe a wind that comes and goes?
 - *intermittent, gusty, blustery*
- (5) What words describe a strong wind?
 - *heavy wind, strong wind, squall, gale, stormy wind, howling wind*
- (6) What words describe a light wind?
 - *light wind, gentle wind, draft, draught, breeze, breezy, zephyr*
- (7) What words describe a windstorm?
 - *windstorm, sandstorm, tempest, tempestuous*
- (8) What words refer to a wind that moves in a circle?
 - *whirlwind, tornado, twister, dust devil, funnel, waterspout*
- (9) What words refer to a warm or cold wind?
 - *Chinook, sirocco*
- (10) What words describe when the wind begins?
 - *pick up, rise, freshen, gather, blow up*
- (11) What words describe when the wind stops?
 - *drop, die down, calm, still*

(12) What words describe the direction of the wind?

- *north/south/east/west wind, northeaster, wind off the ocean, ocean breeze, wind from the mountains, mountain breeze, wind from the desert, updraft, downdraft, head wind, tail wind, following wind, cross breeze, windward, lee, prevailing*

(13) What does the wind do?

- *blow, knock down (things), rip, tear off, bend, puff out, billow out (sail), push (boat), raise (waves), fan flames, push snow into drifts, ventilate a house*

(14) What words describe something being blown by the wind?

- *be blown by the wind, wind blows something, blow away, waft on the breeze, flutter in the breeze, be carried by the wind, be born along on/by the wind, be picked up by the wind*

(15) What instruments are used to measure the direction or force of the wind?

- *weathervane, weathercock, windsock, wind gauge*

(16) What sounds does the wind make?

- *whisper, sigh, moan, whistle, howl, scream, shriek*