



The Wind Vocabulary

COMPASS ROSE

A round design with four or eight pointed lines coming from the centre, showing the points of the compass (north, south, east, west, etc.), printed on a map.

A stone compass rose is set into the courtyard.

Also known as The Wind Rose



NAMES OF WINDS

LOCAL AND GLOBAL

- GLOBAL: blow over long distances around the Earth.
 - Tropical Easterlies Trade Winds
 - Jet Stream
 - Etc
- LOCAL: blow a short distance.
 - Sea Breezes
 - Land Breezes
 - Etc.

HOW ARE WINDS NAMED?

From the direction they come from:

Southeast winds come from the southeast and blow northwest.

Northwest winds come from the northwest and blow southeast.

BREEZE

A light and pleasant wind.

She let the gentle breeze cool her face.

Flags flepped in the breeze above their tents.

Breeze *noun* (informal): something that is easy to achieve, often unexpectedly.

You won't have any problems with the entrance test - it's an absolute breeze.

Breeze *verb* [I usually + adv/prep]: to walk somewhere quickly and confidently. Without worry or embarrassment.

She just breezed in as if she'd only been away a day instead of a year.



GUST

A sudden strong wind.

Gust of:

A sudden gust of wind blew his umbrella inside out.

Verb: to blow strongly (gust to)

Winds gusting to 50 mph brought down power lines.

Figurative:

She could hear gusts of laughter (= sudden, loud laughter) from within the room.

Synonym:

Blast.



GALE

A very strong wind.

The word is typically used as a descriptor in nautical contexts. The U.S. National Weather Service defines a gale as sustained surface winds moving at a speed of between 34 and 47 knots (63–87 km/h).

The vessel vanished in rough seas and gale-force winds.

Idiom: gales of laughter (a lot of loud laughter).

I could hear gales of laughter coming from downstairs.



TORNADO

Is a violent wind that has a circular movement, found in the West Pacific Ocean.

The 169,000-ton vessel went down during a typhoon in the South China Sea.



HURRICANE

A violent A narrow current of strong winds high above the earth that move from west to east.

Storm with strong circular winds of at least 72 miles (or 118 kilometers) per hour, especially in the western Atlantic Ocean.

Be hit by a hurricane: *The state of Florida was hit by a hurricane that did serious damage.*

Hurricane force:

SAFFIR SIMPSON WIND SCALE		
CATEGORY	WIND (MPH)	DAMAGE
1	74-95	SOME
2	96-110	EXTENSIVE
3	111-129	DEVASTATING
4	130-156	CATASTROPHIC
5	157+	CATASTROPHIC

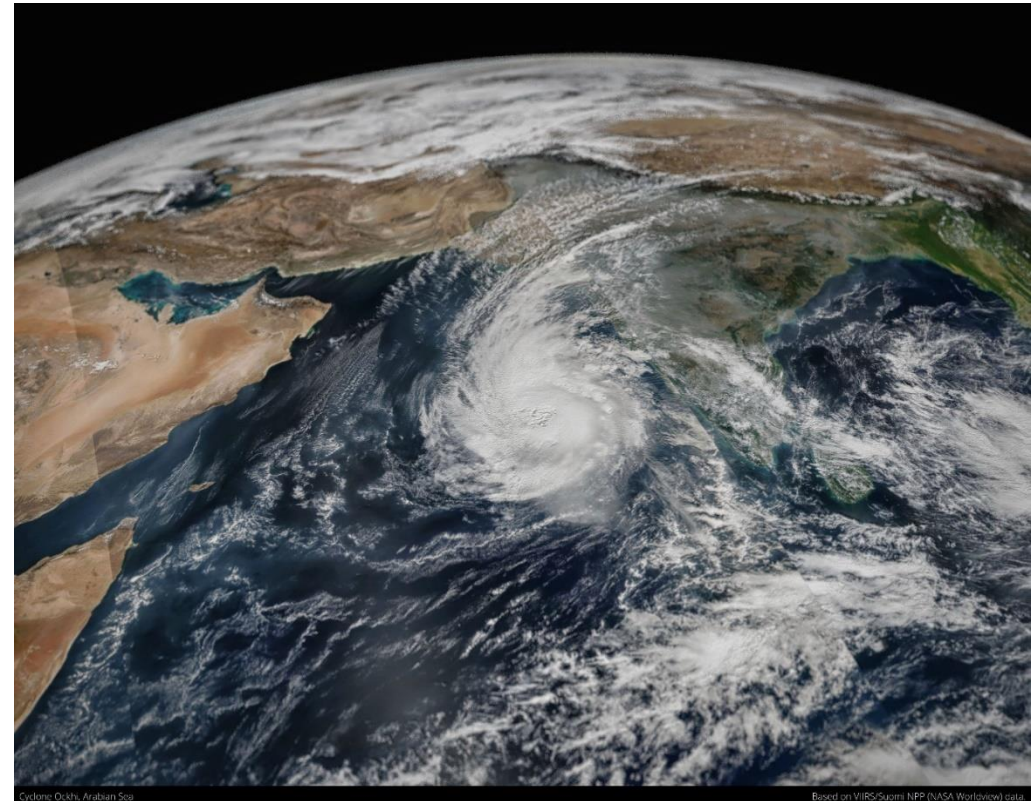


CYCLONE

A violent tropical storm.

Wind moving in a circular direction towards an area of low atmospheric pressure.

A powerful cyclone killed 120,000 people along the coast.



Cyclone Ockhi, Arabian Sea

Based on VIIRS/Suomi NPP (NASA Worldview) data

SANDSTORM

A strong wind in a desert carrying a large amount of sand.

The dust was everywhere, like a sudden sandstorm, burning our eyes and throats.



JET STREAM

A narrow current of strong winds high above the earth that move from west to east.

For forecasters, the jet stream gives valuable clues to the coming weather.

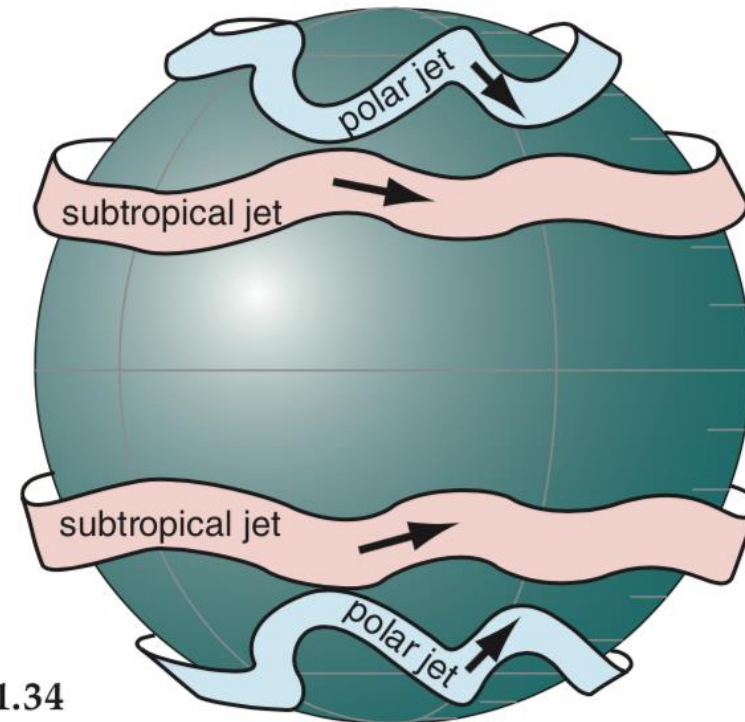


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Sketch of jet streams,

South Pole

ANEMOMETER

A device that measures the speed and force of the wind.

Beyond measuring speed, the anemometer also helps determine wind direction.

Synonym:
wind gauge



WINDSOCK

A tube of cloth fastened at one end to a pole that shows the direction of the wind at an airport.

Because of its size, the windsock can often be seen from the air as well as the ground.



WINDVANE

A mechanical device with a rotating pointer that shows the direction of the wind.

The arrow will point to the direction the wind is blowing from.

The wind vane on top of the hospital is a model of a duck.

Synonym:

weathervane



IDIOMS

- **(Something is a breeze):** something is incredibly easy. *I didn't find the exam so difficult. In fact, it's a breeze.*
- **Way Too (Windy):** means that the wind is blowing too hard. *It's way too windy to go out for a walk today.*
- **Something In The Wind:** means that there are predictions or rumors about what might happen. *She heard something in the wind about the new science teacher.*
- **Get/Caught Wind Of (Something):** can mean that there is talk or gossip about an event that might occur. *Neil told me he got wind of Marcus getting fired.*
- **Run Like The Wind:** means to move very fast or quickly. *You always run like the wind. You should learn to slow down.*
- **Scattered To The Four Winds:** means to get broken apart and spread, usually a group of things or people that used to belong together. *I didn't mean to drop the vase. Now it's scattered to the four winds.*
- **Throw Caution To The Wind:** means they've decided to do something foolish or risky. *I've asked myself over and over why Matilda threw caution to the wind.*

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AND ABOUT TO BEGIN.
CAN'T PUT MY FINGER
ON WHAT LIES IN STORE,
BUT I FEAR WHAT'S TO HAPPEN
ALL HAPPENED BEFORE."

thefunnypretty.com

Richard and Robert Sherman, 1963



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