



Snowflake - What is it?



Some snowflakes look like oak leaves, some are shaped like dinner plates, and millions are very pretty and look like frozen lace.

Snowflakes are ice-crystals. Ice-crystals are like clear glass only much more fragile.

Ice-crystals come in millions and millions of shapes

and patterns.

The shapes of snowflakes depend on how high up in the clouds they are formed.

Six-sided crystals are shaped in the high clouds.

Needle or flat six-sided crystals are shaped in the middle layer of clouds.

A wide variety of six-sided shapes are formed in low clouds.

Snowflake (Image by Wilson Bentley, "the Snowflake www.photolib.noaa.gov/)

An ice-crystal needs a temperature of 5 degrees F. to grow.

The colder the temperature the sharper the ice-crystal tips.

In warmer temperatures, the ice-crystals grow slower and smoother. This means the crystals are plainer to look at.

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QUIZ = WORD MIX

Can you form the proper words from the letters mixed up below?

elende

aslyctr

lenfskawo

phsaes

dsucol

loinlism

etermatpeur

lrdcoe

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