

sky1. [skaɪ] *n*

1. небо; небеса

fleesy sky - небо, покрытое (облаками-)барашками

under the open sky - на открытом воздухе; под открытым небом

to praise /to laud, to extol/ to the skies - превозносить до небес

out of a clear sky - ни с того ни с сего, совершенно неожиданно; как гром с ясного неба

I hope the skies will clear for you - *образн.* надеюсь, у вас всё наладится2. *обыкн. р/ поэт.* климат, погода

to live under warmer /bluer, sunnier/ skies - жить в более тёплом климате

the sunny skies of Honolulu - благодатный климат Гонолулу

◇ if the skies fall we shall catch larks - ≅ если бы да кабы

2. [skaɪ] *v разг.*1. вешать (*картину*) высоко на стене, под потолок2. 1) подбросить в воздух (*монету и т. п.*)2) *спорт.* высоко бросать (*мяч*)**sky**

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sky [sky skies skied skying] *noun, verb* *BrE* [skaɪ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [skaɪ] ^ˈ*noun* **countable, uncountable** (pl. **skies**)the space above the earth that you can see when you look up, where clouds and the sun, moon and stars appear You usually say **the sky**. When **sky** is used with an adjective, use **a... sky**. You can also use the plural form **skies**, especially when you are thinking about the great extent of the sky

• What's that in the sky?

• The sky suddenly went dark and it started to rain.

• the night sky

• a cloudless sky

• cloudless skies

• a land of blue skies and sunshine

• The skies above London were ablaze with a spectacular firework display.

more at the great sth in the sky **at** ↑**great** *adj.*, pie in the sky **at** ↑**pie**, praise sb/sth to the skies **at** ↑**praise** *v.*Word Origin:Middle English (also in the plural denoting clouds), from Old Norse **ský** 'cloud'. The verb dates from the early 19th cent.Thesaurus:**sky** *noun* **C, U**

• The sky went dark.

air • • **atmosphere** • • **airspace** • |*literary* **the heavens** •**in/into** the sky/air/atmosphere/sb's airspace/the heavens**through** the sky/air/atmosphere/sb's airspaceCollocations:**The weather***Good weather***be bathed in/bask in/be blessed with/enjoy** bright/brilliant/glorious sunshinethe sun **shines/warms sth/beats down (on sth)**the sunshine **breaks/streams through sth**fluffy/wispy clouds **drift across the sky**a gentle/light/stiff/cool/warm/sea breeze **blows in/comes in off the sea**the snow **crunches beneath /under sb's feet/boots***Bad weather*thick/dark/storm clouds **form/gather/roll in/cover the sky/block out the sun**the sky **darkens/turns black**a fine mist **hangs in the air**a dense/heavy/thick fog **rolls in**the rain **falls/comes down (in buckets/sheets)/pours down**snow **falls/comes down/covers sth**the wind **blows/whistles/howls/picks up/whips through sth/sweeps across sth**strong/gale-force winds **blow/gust (up to 80 mph)**a storm **is approaching /is moving inland /hits/strikes/rages**thunder **rolls/rumbles/sounds**(forked/sheet) lightning **strikes/hits/flashs**a (blinding/snow) blizzard **hits/strikes/blows/rages**a tornado **touches down /hits/strikes/destroys sth/rips through sth****forecast/expect /predict** rain/snow/a category-four hurricane*(NAmE)* **pour (down) / (BrE) pour (down) with rain****get caught in/seek shelter from/escape the rain****be covered/shrouded in mist/a blanket of fog**

be in for/brave/shelter from a/the storm
 hear rolling/distant thunder
 be battered/buffed by strong winds
 (BrE) be blowing a gale
 battle against/brave the elements
 The weather improves
 the sun breaks through the clouds
 the sky clears/brightens (up)/lightens (up)
 the clouds part/clear
 the rain stops/lets up/holds off
 the wind dies down
 the storm passes
 the mist/fog lifts/clears

Example Bank:

- A strange object dropped out of the sky.
- Astronomers scan the night skies for asteroids.
- Black clouds spread across the sky.
- Flocks of flamingoes fill the sky.
- I opened my shutters and saw a brilliant blue sky.
- My philosophy has always been to reach for the sky.
- Some vintage aircraft will be taking to the skies at this weekend's fair.
- Swallows darted about in the sky overhead
- The afternoon sky turned orange.
- The eagle was black against the early morning sky.
- The fireworks lit up the sky.
- The rain stopped and the skies cleared.
- The skies opened and rain poured down.
- The sky glows red with fire.
- The sky was streaked with gold.
- There was a kite high up in the sky.
- We slept under the open sky.
- a patch of blue sky
- a ship tossing under a dark sky
- a week of cloudless skies
- alarmists who claim that the sky is falling
- patrolling the skies over the Channel
- the pale moon in the inky night sky
- the vast desert skies
- to patrol the skies over the Atlantic
- when the sun is low in the sky
- I had blue skies and sunshine nearly every day I was there.
- Stars began to twinkle in the night sky.
- We made our way home under a cloudless sky.
- What's that in the sky?

Idiom: ↑sky's the limit

verb (skies, sky-ing, skied, skied) ~ sth

to hit a ball very high into the air

- She skied her tee shot.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sky
	BrE /skaɪ/
	NAme /skaɪ/
he / she / it	skies
	BrE /skaɪz/
	NAme /skaɪz/
past simple, past participle	skied
	BrE /skaɪd/
	NAme /skaɪd/
-ing form	sky-ing
	BrE /skaɪɪŋ/
	NAme /skaɪɪŋ/

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sky **S2 W2** /skaɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **skies**)

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old Norse; Origin: 'cloud']

1. **[singular, uncountable]** the space above the earth where clouds and the sun and stars appear:

▪ The sky grew dark, and a cold rain began to fall.

▪ A shooting star sped across the night sky.

in the sky

▪ There wasn't a cloud in the sky.

2. **skies [plural]** a word meaning 'sky', used especially when describing the weather or what the sky looks like in a place:

▪ a land of blue skies and warm sunshine

▪ The skies were overcast, and it was chilly and damp.

3. **the sky's the limit** *spoken* used to say that there is no limit to what someone can achieve, spend, win etc:

▪ Francis believes the sky's the limit for the young goalkeeper.

⇒ **pie in the sky** at ↑**pie**(4), ⇒ **praise somebody/something to the skies** at ↑**praise**¹(1)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + sky

▪ **blue** The sky was blue and the sun was shining.

▪ **grey** *British English*, **gray** *AmE*: Rain was starting to fall from the grey sky.

▪ **dark/black** Fireworks burst up into the dark sky.

▪ **cloudy/dull/overcast** (=with clouds) Cloudy skies were forecast.

▪ **bright/clear/cloudless** (=without clouds) The sun rose higher in the cloudless sky.

▪ **azure** *literary* (=bright blue) The sun shone out of a clear azure sky.

▪ **leaden/lowering** *literary* (=with a lot of grey cloud) The leaden skies cleared and the sun came out.

▪ **a starry sky** (=with a lot of stars) We had dinner on the terrace under a beautiful starry sky.

▪ **the darkening sky** (=becoming darker) Benjamin stared up at the darkening sky.

▪ **the lightening sky** (=becoming lighter) A plane flew across the lightening sky.

▪ **the night/evening/morning sky** The moon is the brightest object visible in the night sky.

▪ **the summer/winter sky** Her eyes were as blue as the summer sky.

▪ **the open sky** (=a large area of sky) They lay on the ground under the open sky.

▪ **a big sky** (=a sky that looks large) Montana is still a land of big skies.

■ verbs

▪ **the sky darkens** The sky darkened and thunder rolled in from the west.

▪ **the sky clouds over** (=clouds appear) The sky was beginning to cloud over.

▪ **the sky clears** (=the clouds disappear) By dawn the sky had cleared.

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