

Hail and Snow

Hail



Hail is frozen rain.

Hail is usually the size of a pea but sometimes it can be as big as a golf ball!

Hail can fall from the sky at any time of the year, not just during winter.

Sleet



Sleet is a mixture of snow and rain.

It is not light and fluffy like a snowflake.

Snow



Snow crystals form when water droplets in clouds become very cold.

The snow crystals fall from the cloud forming snowflakes.

The air below must be freezing or the snowflake will melt and turn to rain.