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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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METEOROLOGICAL PRONUNCIATIONS

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Many terms relating to weather are variously pronounced by weathermen, as well as by the rest of the world. The weight of authority is, however, believed to be in favor of the following:

Stratosphere. "A" long as in "stray."

Troposphere. "O" short as in "top."

Foehn. Pronounced like "fern," but suppressing the "r."

Graupel. "Au" like "ow" in "growl."

Simoom. Spelled with a final "m" and accented on the second syllable.

The "i" is short as in "it."

Data. When you are speaking Latin, make the first "a" as broad as you please, but in English the first part of the word is pronounced like "date." It emphatically is not pronounced "datt." Of course "data" is ALWAYS a plural noun. "Much data" is on a par with "much potatoes."

And lastly, regardless of the strange epidemic of long "e's" that has devastated lately / . . . America, no scholarly weatherman would speak of a "weather rEEport."

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