

Gulf Stream

A powerful warm and swift Atlantic Ocean water current that flows from the southern tip of Florida north along the eastern coastlines of the United States.

Movement: Hands down beside waist, fingers wiggling.



Jet Stream

A fast flowing narrow air current in the upper atmosphere over North America. It flows from west to east and greatly affects the weather patterns of the United States.

Movement: Hands above head, fingers wiggling.



El Niño

An irregularly recurring flow of unusually warm surface waters from the Pacific Ocean toward and along the western coast of South America.

Movement: Body in a surfing motion.



Front

A boundary between two different air masses, usually hot and cold, resulting in stormy weather.

Movement: Hands on hips, elbows out.



Hurricane

A violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or in excess of 72 mph.

Movement: Spin around.