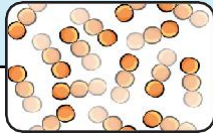


States of Matter Knowledge Organiser

All materials are one of the three states of matter.

Gas



- Gases are **often invisible**.
- Gases do not keep their shape or always take up the same amount of space. They **spread out** and change their shape and volume to fill up whatever container they are in.
- Gases can be **squashed**.



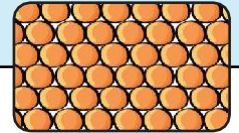
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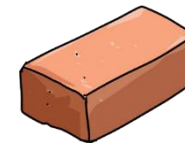
- Liquids can flow or be **poured** easily. They are not easy to hold.
- Liquids **change their shape** depending on the container they are in.
- Even when liquids change their shape, they always take up the **same amount of space**. Their volume stays the same.



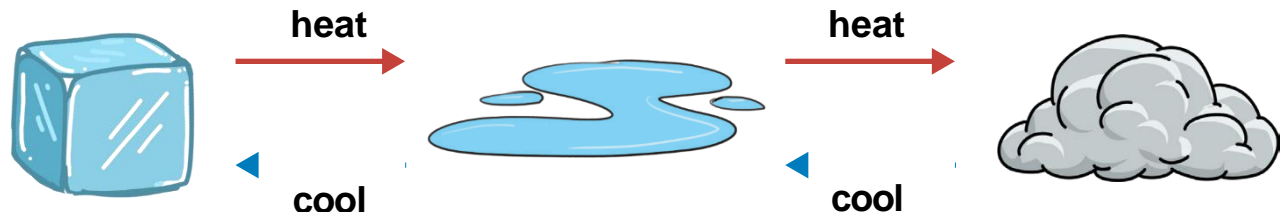
Solid



- Solids stay in one place and you can hold them in your hand.
- Solids **keep their shape**. They **do not flow** like liquids.
- Solids always take up the **same amount** of space. They **do not spread out** like gases.
- Solids can be **cut** or **shaped**.



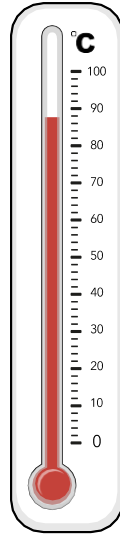
Materials can **change** from one state of matter to another when **heated** or **cooled**.



How to measure temperature using a thermometer.

- 1) Place the thermometer in the liquid.
- 2) Wait for the coloured centre to stop moving.
- 3) Read the scale precisely to find the temperature.
Ask an adult for help if you are struggling.

Remember: We usually measure temperature in degrees Celsius which can be shortened to °C.



Key Vocabulary

change - to make different

collection - when water flows back into rivers, streams and lakes and gets carried back to sea

condensation - when water vapour cools and turns back into water

evaporation - when water is heated and turns into water vapour

freeze - when something is put at a very low temperature

gas - a state of matter that has no defined shape or volume

heat - when something is put at a hot temperature

liquid - a state of matter that flows freely but keeps the same volume

precipitation - when water falls from the clouds in the sky

property - a characteristic

solid - a state of matter that is firm and stable

temperature - how hot or cold something is

thermometer - an instrument used for measuring temperature

The Water Cycle

