St Austin's R.C. Primary School - Science

Topic: Properties and Changes of Materials	Year: 5	Strand: Physics

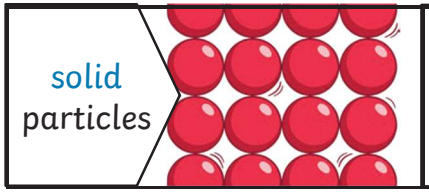
Key Vocabulary

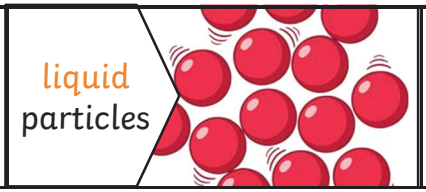
materials	The substance that something is made out of, e.g. wood, plastic, metal.
solids	One of the three states of matter. Solid particles are very close together, meaning solids, such as wood and glass, hold their shape.
liquids	This state of matter can flow and take the shape of the container because the particles are more loosely packed than solids and can move around each other. Examples of liquids include water and milk.
gases	One of the three states of matter. Gas particles are further apart than solid or liquid particles and they are free to move around. A gas fills its container, taking both the shape and the volume of the container. Examples of gases are oxygen and helium.
melting	The process of heating a solid until it changes into a liquid.
freezing	When a liquid cools and turns solid.
evaporating	When a liquid turns into a gas or vapour.
condensing	When a gas, such as water vapour, cools and turns into a liquid.

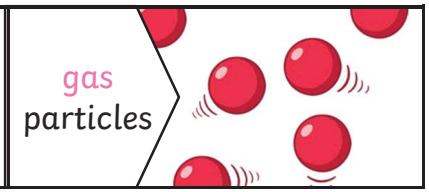
Key Knowledge

Different materials are used for particular jobs based on their properties: electrical conductivity, flexibility, hardness, insulators, magnetism, solubility, thermal conductivity, transparency.

For example, glass is used for windows because it is hard and transparent. Oven gloves are made from a thermal insulator to keep the heat from burning your hand.







Changes of State

The solid melts.

The liquid freezes.

The gas condenses.

The liquid evaporates.

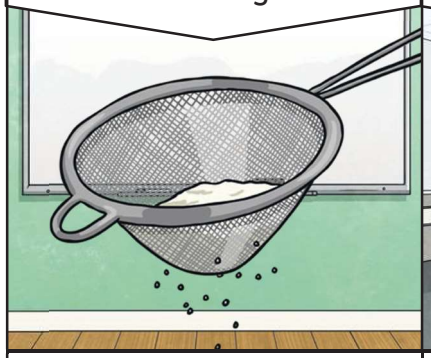
Key Vocabulary

conductor	A conductor is a material that heat or electricity can easily travel through. Most metals are both thermal conductors (they conduct heat) and electrical conductors (they conduct electricity).
insulator	An insulator is a material that does not let heat or electricity travel through them. Wood and plastic are both thermal and electrical insulators.
transparency	A transparent object lets light through so the object can be looked through, for example glass or some plastics.

Key Knowledge

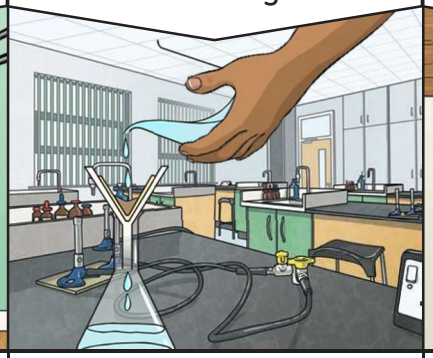
Reversible changes, such as mixing and dissolving solids and liquids together, can be reversed by:

Sieving



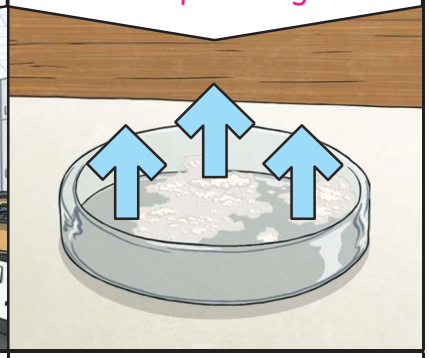
Smaller materials are able to fall through the holes in the sieve, separating them from larger particles.

Filtering



The solid particles will get caught in the filter paper but the liquid will be able to get through.

Evaporating

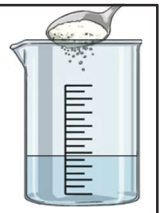


The liquid changes into a gas, leaving the solid particles behind.

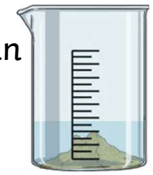
Dissolving

A solution is made when solid particles are mixed with liquid particles. Materials that will dissolve are known as soluble. Materials that won't dissolve are known as insoluble. A suspension is when the particles don't dissolve.

Sugar is a soluble material.



Sand is an insoluble material.



Irreversible changes often result in a new product being made from the old materials (reactants). For example, burning wood produces ash. Mixing vinegar and milk produces casein plastic.