Properties and Changes of Materials

Key Vocabulary		Key Knowledge		
materials	The substance that something is made out of, e.g. wood, plastic, metal.	Different materials are used for particular jobs based on their properties: electrical conductivity , flexibility, hardness, insulators , magnetism, solubility, thermal conductivity , transparency .		
solids	One of the three states of matter. Solid particles are very close together, meaning solids, such as wood and glass, hold their shape.	For example, glass is used for windows		
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.	because it is hard and transparent. Oven gloves are made from a thermal insulator to keep the heat from burning your hand.		
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. Examples of gases are oxygen and helium.	solid particles particles gas particles particles particles		
melting	The process of heating a solid until it changes into a liquid.	Changes of State		
freezing	When a <mark>liquid</mark> cools and turns into a solid.	solid The solid melts.		
evaporating	When a <mark>liquid</mark> turns into a gas or vapour.	The liquid freezes. The gas condenses.		
condensing	When a gas, such as water vapour, cools and turns into a liquid.	liquid The liquid evaporates.		





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conductor	A conductor is a material that heat or electricity can easily travel	Reversible changes, such as mixing and dissolving solids and liquids together, can be reversed by:		
	through. Most metals are both thermal conductors (they conduct heat) and electrical conductors	Sieving	Filtering	Evaporating
	(they conduct electricity).		S AT	
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.	Smaller materials are able to fall through the holes in the sieve, separating them from larger particles.		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 known soluble. as are Materials that won't dissolve are known as insoluble. A suspension is when the particles don't dissolve.



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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.



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