

Matter

Particle model



Relate the features of the particle model to the properties of materials in different states.

1 Know

Ideas

- K1** Properties of solids, liquids and gases can be described in terms of particles in motion but with differences in the arrangement and movement of these same particles: closely spaced and vibrating (solid), in random motion but in contact (liquid), or in random motion and widely spaced (gas).
- K2** Observations where substances change temperature or state can be described in terms of particles gaining or losing energy.

Facts

- K3** A substance is a solid below its melting point, a liquid above it, and a gas above its boiling point.

Key words

- K4** **Particle:** A very tiny object such as an atom or molecule, too small to be seen with a microscope.
- K5** **Particle Model:** A way to think about how substances behave in terms of small, moving particles.
- K6** **Diffusion:** the process by which particles in liquids or gases spread out through random movement from a region where there are many particles to one where there are fewer.
- K7** **Gas pressure:** Caused by collisions of particles with the walls of a container.

2 Apply

- A1** Explain unfamiliar observations about gas pressure in terms of particles.
- A2** Explain the properties of solids, liquids and gases based on the arrangement and movement of their particles.
- A3** Explain changes in states in terms of changes to the energy of particles.
- A4** Draw before and after diagrams of particles to explain observations about changes of state, gas pressure and diffusion.

A5

K8

Density: How much matter there is in a particular volume, or how close the particles are.

K9

Evaporate: Change from liquid to gas at the surface of a liquid, at any temperature.

K10

Boil: Change from liquid to a gas of all the liquid when the temperature reaches boiling point.

K11

Condense: Change of state from gas to liquid when the temperature drops to the boiling point.

K12

Melt: Change from solid to liquid when the temperature rises to the melting point.

K13

Freeze: Change from liquid to a solid when the temperature drops to the melting point.

K14

Sublime: Change from a solid directly into a gas.

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Extend

E1

Argue for how to classify substances which behave unusually, as solids, liquids, or gases.

E2

Evaluate observations that provide evidence for the existence of particles.

E3

Make predictions about what will happen during unfamiliar physical processes, in terms of particles and their energy.

E4

E5
