

Theale Primary School

Topic: Materials

Year: 5

Why are different materialsDifferent materials are used for particular jobs based on their properties: electrical or thermal conductivity or insulation, flexibility or rigidity, hardness or softness, magnetism, solubility or insolubility, transparency, translucency or opacity.States of matterThere are three common states of matter — solid, liquid and gas. The particles in solids are closely packed in a regular pattern; in liquids more loosely packed; in gases the particles are far apart.What is a solution?When a solid (solute) dissolves in a liquid (solvent), it forms a solution and the material can no longer be seen. Materials that dissolve are known as soluble. Materials that do not dissolve are insoluble.What is a reversible change?If a change is made to a material but it can be change back to its original state, it is a reversible change. Water is frozen to form ice; the ice can be melted to get the water back. This is a reversible change.What is an irreversible change?If a material is changed and cannot be changed back to its original state, it is an irreversible change.What is an irreversible change?If a material is changed and cannot be changed back to its original state, it is an irreversible change.What is an irreversible change?If a material is changed and cannot be changed back to its original state, it is an irreversible change.What is an irreversible change.If a material is changed and cannot be changed back to its original state, it is an irreversible change.What is an irreversible change.If a material is changed and cannot be changed back to its original state, it is an irreversible 	Key Knowledge	
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Investigate

Grouping materials with similar properties.

Which materials are good thermal conductors, and which are thermal insulators?

Which solids are soluble in water, and which are insoluble? Does salt dissolve in liquids other than water?

Explore separation processes.

Identify reversible and irreversible processes.



Key Vocabulary		
Condensing	When a gas cools and turns into a liquid.	
Conductor	A material which allows heat or electricity to	
	move through it	
Dissolve	When a solid mixes with a liquid and becomes	
	part of the liquid.	
Evaporating	When a liquid turns into a gas.	
Flexible	Flexible materials bend easily without breaking.	
Freezing	When a liquid cools and turns into a solid.	
Gas	An air-like fluid substance which expands freely	
	to fill any space available.	
Insoluble	Cannot be dissolved in a liquid	
Insulator	A material which does not readily allow the	
	passage of heat, sound or electricity	
Irreversible	A change that cannot be reversed: the materials	
change	cannot go back to their original state. If I make	
	some bread, I cannot get the flour back again.	
Liquid	A substance that flows freely, taking up the shape	
	of the container it is in.	
Magnetic	Magnetic materials will be attracted to a magnet.	
Melting	When a solid is heater and changes into a liquid.	
Opaque	Opaque materials let no light through and cannot	
	be seen through.	
Reversible	A change that can be reversed. E.g. Dissolving salt	
change	in water: the salt can be returned to its original	
	state by evaporating the water.	
Solid	A substance that holds its shape.	
Soluble	Can be dissolved in a liquid.	
Translucent	A material which allows some light to pass	
	through.	
Transparent	0	
	through it; objects behind it can be seen clearly.	





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