

MATTER IN OUR SURROUNDINGS

SUMMARY

- Matter is any substance that has mass and occupies space. Matter is made up of small particles.
- Solids have definite shapes and volumes. Liquids do not have definite shapes.
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- Gases do not have definite shapes or volumes.
- Solids cannot be compressed, except porous solids.
- Liquids take the shape of the container and have definite volume.
- Gases have no definite shape and volume.
- Melting is the process where solid changes into a liquid.
- Heat energy that is used up by a body to change its state or phase is called latent heat.
- Latent Heat of Fusion: The amount of heat energy that is required to change unit mass of a solid into liquid at a standard atmospheric pressure.
- Vaporisation: The process where a liquid changes to gas.
- Latent Heat of Vaporisation: The amount of heat required to change a unit mass of liquid to gas at standard atmospheric pressure.
- Evaporation The process where a liquid changes into vapour at any temperature below its boiling point. Surface area, temperature and the wind are the factors that affect the rate of evaporation.
- The process where vapour changes to a liquid is called condensation.
- The process, where a liquid converts into a solid, is called freezing.
- The process, where a solid, on heating, directly changes into gas without changing into liquid, and a gas, on cooling, directly changes to solid without changing into liquid is called sublimation. Applying pressure and reducing temperature can liquefy gases.
- The phenomenon of the change of matter from one state to another and back to original state, by altering the temperature is called interconversion of states of matter.

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