All materials are made up of particles. We can represent these particles as tiny solid balls.

The properties of a material describe what it looks like and how it behaves.

The properties of a substance depend on three things;

- 1) what its particles are like
- 2) how its particles are arranged
- 3) how its particles move around



Properties of a solid

















It has a fixed shape or

It cannot be compressed

It cannot flow

It will not take the shape of a container.



The particles in a solid are in a regular arrangement. They have very little energy and can't move around.

Properties of liquid

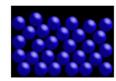




It has a fixed volume but the shape can change It cannot be compressed

It can flow

It will take the shape of a container.



The particles in a liquid have an irregular but they are not in a fixed position. They have some energy so they can move around and flow over each other.

The Particle Model

Properties of a gas It does not have a fixed



shape or volume It can be compressed

It can flow

It will take the shape of a container.

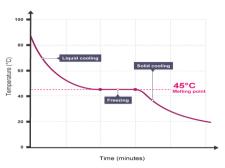


The particles in a gas are spread out. They have lots of energy and they flow over each other.

Changes of state



- melting point is the temperature at which a solid changes into a liquid.
- boiling point is the temperature at which a liquid changes into a gas.



Density is the measure of how much matter (how many particles) there is in a given amount of space





Low density

High density

The higher the density, the more matter (particles) there will be in the same amount of space

A mixture is a substance made up of two or more different elements or compounds that are not joined together.



Mixtures can be separated in the following ways:

