States of Matter

Solid

















Liquid

















Gas

















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Can you identify the three states of matter?

<u>Liquid</u>



Liquid is matter that has a definite volume but no definite shape. Liquid fills the shape of the container it is in.

The particles of matter are close together and are free to move.

<u>Gas</u>



Gas is matter that does not have a definite shape or definite volume. Gas fills all the space of the container.

The particles of matter are far apart from each other and have complete freedom to move.

Solid



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The particles of matter are very close together in a fixed position.

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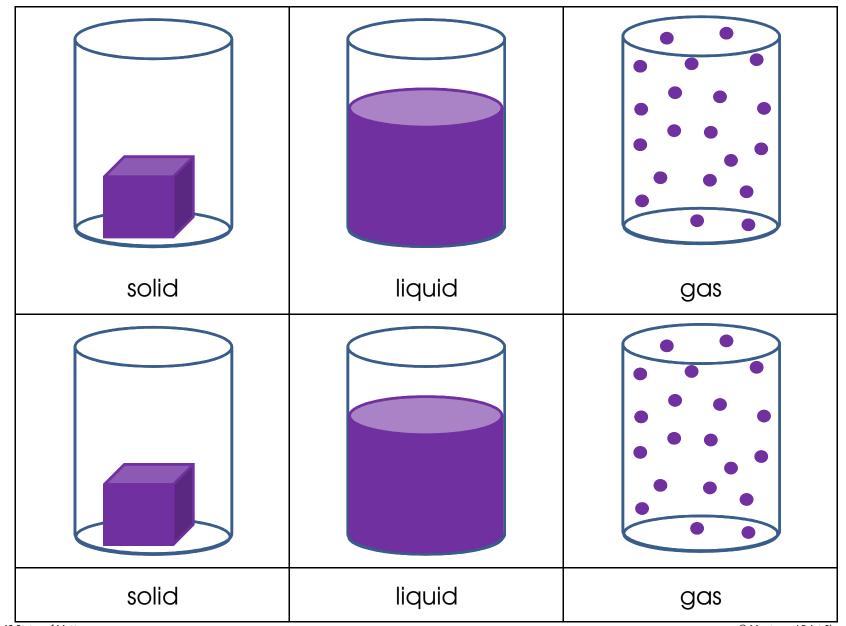
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