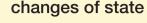


# **Chapter 1: Particles and their behaviour**

# Knowledge organiser



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state of matter

how do the particles move?

arrangement of particles

can it be compressed?

can it flow?

#### solid

particles do not move around, but vibrate on the spot



no, because there is no space between the particles

no, because the particles can't move around

# liquid

particles are touching but can slide over each other



no, because the particles are touching their neighbours

yes, because the particles can slide over each other and move around

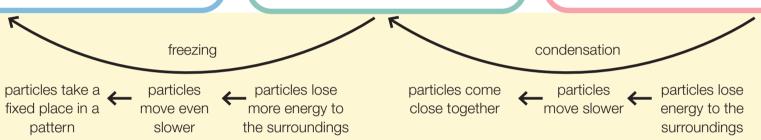
### gas

particles are spread out far away from each other



yes, because there is space between the particles

yes, because the particles can move around



changes of state

### **Sublimation**

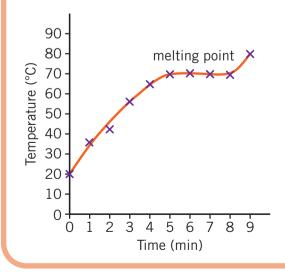
Some substances do not exist as liquids, but instead directly change state from solid to gas in a process called sublimation.

# Melting and boiling points

**Melting point** — the temperature at which a **substance** melts

**Boiling point** — the temperature at which a substance boils

If you heat a **solid** and plot a graph of temperature against time the melting point will appear as a flat line if the substance is **pure** (has only one type of particle).



### **Diffusion**

Particles move about randomly in liquids and gases and spread out through **mixtures**. This process is called diffusion. How quickly diffusion happens depends upon three variables:

Variable	Effect on diffusion
temperature	diffusion is faster at higher temperatures <i>because</i> particles move faster when hotter
particle size	diffusion is slower with larger, heavier particles
state of matter	diffusion is: • fast in gases • slow in liquids • doesn't happen in solids

### **Gas pressure**

#### **Density**

Density tells us how heavy something is for its size. You can calculate density using the formula: density = mass / volume

Mass is the amount of 'stuff' an object is made of, measured in grams or kilograms.

Volume is the amount of space an object takes up, measured in cm<sup>3</sup>.

Density of a substance depends on:

- the mass of the particles
- how closely together the particles are arranged.

A substance is most dense as a solid, as the particles are closely packed together, and least dense as a gas, as the particles are spread far apart.

### Particle model and properties

The properties of a substance depend on:

- 1 the shape and size of its particles
- 2 the arrangement of its particles
- 3 how its particles move
- 4 how strong the forces between its particles are.

# **Key words**



Make sure you can write a definition for these key terms.

change of state boiling boiling point condensation diffusion evaporation freezing liquid melting mixture gas particle solid state of matter sublimation substance