



Notes: Chapter 1 - Matter in Our Surroundings

• Introduction to Matter

- **Matter:** Anything that has mass and occupies space.
 - **Examples:** Water, air, stones.
- Matter can exist in different states based on physical conditions.

Practice Questions:

1. Define matter and give two examples.
2. Why is air classified as matter?
3. What characteristics must an object possess to be called matter?

Revision Points:

- Matter has mass and occupies space.
- Air, water, and solids are all forms of matter.

• States of Matter

◦ Solid State

- **Properties:**
 - Definite shape and volume.
 - Particles are tightly packed in a fixed arrangement.
 - Least compressible state.
 - High density.

◦ Liquid State

- **Properties:**
 - No definite shape but a definite volume.
 - Particles are less tightly packed compared to solids.
 - Moderate compressibility.
 - Flows easily and takes the shape of the container.

◦ Gaseous State

- **Properties:**

- Neither definite shape nor volume.
- Particles are widely spaced and move freely.
- Highly compressible.
- Fills the entire volume of the container.

Practice Questions:

1. Compare the arrangement of particles in solids, liquids, and gases.
2. Why are solids incompressible but gases highly compressible?
3. Explain why liquids take the shape of the container they are placed in.

Revision Points:

- Solids have definite shape and volume, liquids have definite volume but no fixed shape, and gases have neither.
- Particle arrangement varies in different states of matter, affecting their properties.

- **Characteristics of Particles of Matter**

- **Particles of Matter are Very Small**

- Matter consists of tiny particles.
 - **Example:** Sugar dissolving in water demonstrates that particles are so small they mix evenly throughout.

- **Particles of Matter Have Space Between Them**

- The particles are not tightly packed, leaving space between them.
 - **Example:** Gases have large spaces between particles, making them highly compressible.

- **Particles of Matter are Continuously Moving**

- Particles of matter are always in motion.
 - **Example:** The diffusion of perfume in air shows that particles are in constant motion.

- **Particles of Matter Attract Each Other**

- There is a force of attraction between particles of matter.
 - **Example:** Solids have stronger attractive forces than liquids and gases.

Practice Questions:

1. How does the diffusion of perfume in air explain that particles of matter are in motion?
2. Why are gases more compressible than solids?
3. Explain how the dissolving of salt in water shows that particles have spaces between them.

Revision Points:

- Particles of matter are tiny and continuously move.
- There are spaces between particles, and they exhibit forces of attraction.

• States of Matter and Interconversion**○ Change of State**

- Matter can change from one state to another by changing temperature or pressure.
 - **Examples:**
 - Ice (solid) melts to form water (liquid).
 - Water (liquid) evaporates to become vapor (gas).

○ Effect of Temperature on Change of State

- **Melting:** The change of solid to liquid at a specific temperature (melting point).
- **Boiling:** The change of liquid to gas when heated to a specific temperature (boiling point).
- **Condensation:** The change from gas to liquid upon cooling.

○ Effect of Pressure on Change of State

- Increasing pressure can change gas into liquid (e.g., liquefied petroleum gas or LPG).
- Decreasing pressure helps convert solids into gases (e.g., sublimation of camphor).

Practice Questions:

1. What happens to the particles of a solid when it is heated?
2. Explain the process of condensation with an example.
3. How does increasing pressure affect the state of matter?

Revision Points:

- States of matter can change by heating or cooling (temperature) and by changing pressure.
 - Examples include melting, boiling, condensation, and sublimation.
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● Evaporation

○ Definition of Evaporation

- Evaporation is the process by which a liquid changes into vapor at a temperature below its boiling point.

○ Factors Affecting Evaporation

1. **Surface Area:** Larger surface area increases evaporation.
2. **Temperature:** Higher temperature speeds up evaporation.
3. **Humidity:** Lower humidity increases the rate of evaporation.
4. **Wind Speed:** Higher wind speed increases evaporation.

○ Cooling Effect of Evaporation

- Evaporation causes cooling because particles at the surface gain enough energy to break free into vapor.
 - **Example:** Water evaporating from the skin cools the body.

Practice Questions:

1. Why does evaporation cause cooling?
2. What factors affect the rate of evaporation? Explain with examples.
3. Why do wet clothes dry faster on a windy day?

Revision Points:

- Evaporation occurs below the boiling point and is influenced by surface area, temperature, humidity, and wind speed.
 - Evaporation causes cooling by removing heat energy from the surface.
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● Latent Heat

○ Latent Heat of Fusion

- The amount of heat required to convert 1 kg of a solid into a liquid without a change in temperature.

- **Example:** Ice melting at 0°C requires latent heat to turn into water.

○ Latent Heat of Vaporization

- The amount of heat required to convert 1 kg of liquid into gas without a change in temperature.
 - **Example:** Water boiling at 100°C requires latent heat to turn into steam.

Practice Questions:

1. Define latent heat of fusion and give an example.
2. What is the latent heat of vaporization? Why does it not cause a rise in temperature?
3. How does the latent heat of fusion affect the melting of ice?

Revision Points:

- Latent heat is the heat energy required to change the state of matter without changing temperature.
- Latent heat of fusion is for solid to liquid transitions, and latent heat of vaporization is for liquid to gas transitions.

● Sublimation

- **Definition:** The process in which a solid directly changes into gas without passing through the liquid state.
 - **Examples:** Camphor, dry ice (solid CO_2).
- **Explanation:** Sublimation occurs in substances with weak intermolecular forces, allowing particles to escape directly into the gas phase.

Practice Questions:

1. What is sublimation? Give two examples.
2. Why does sublimation occur only in certain solids?
3. Explain how dry ice sublimates at room temperature.

Revision Points:

- Sublimation involves the direct change from solid to gas without becoming liquid.
- Substances like camphor and dry ice undergo sublimation due to their molecular properties.

● Revision Points Summary

- Matter is anything that has mass and occupies space.
 - The three states of matter are solid, liquid, and gas, each with distinct particle arrangements and properties.
 - Particles of matter are tiny, constantly in motion, and have spaces between them.
 - Matter can change states due to temperature or pressure changes (melting, boiling, condensation, and sublimation).
 - Evaporation causes cooling and is affected by factors like surface area, temperature, humidity, and wind speed.
 - Latent heat is the energy required for a phase change without temperature change.
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