

Knowledge Organiser: Year 5 Properties of Materials

















Lesson Sequence



1. Explore properties of materials



2. Explore thermal conductors and thermal insulators



3. Explore hardness of materials



4. Discover materials that are soluble in water



5. Investigate the solubility of materials



6. Explore how mixtures can be separated by filtering, sieving, evaporating or magnets

Properties of Materials

conducts energy	•
insulates energy	
transparent	CLO SE
waterproof	
durable (strong)	0 0
magnetic	C

Everyday Materials

Metal saucepans conduct heat to warm food.



Wooden spoons and plastic handles insulate heat so hands do not get burned.

Soluble Materials

Some solids dissolve in water (SOLUBLE).

coffee sugar







Some solids do not dissolve in water (INSOLUBLE).

pepper sand







Separating Materials

Sieving



Filtering



Magnetism





Magnetic metals:

- iron
- nickel
- steel



	conductive	a material that allows heat and/or electricity to pass through it
	magnetic	material that is attracted to a magnet
	thermal	using or producing heat
	conduction	heat moving from one object to another through contact
2	hardness	resistance to scratching and pressure
-	force	when an object is acted upon by a pull or push motion in a specific direction
3	dissolve	to mix with a liquid and become part of the liquid
	solute	a substance that can be dissolved in liquid
- 5	solvent	a substance that can dissolve in a solute, water is a solvent
	substance	any material, such as sugar
Ø	filtering	the separation of a mixture using a tool with small holes to separate particles
Q	evaporation	the process where a liquid changes into a gas

What I already know:

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- ☐ I can identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- ☐ I can find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching

What I am learning now:

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- ☐ Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets
- ☐ Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution
- ☐ Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating
- ☐ Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic
- ☐ Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes
- Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda

What I will learn next:

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- lacksquare I can compare chemical and physical changes
- ☐ I can explain how mass is conserved during a physical change
- ☐ I can describe what occurs during changes of state



Knowledge Organiser: Year 5 Properties of Materials Before & After Test



















Label the 2 materials used to make this wire.



Explain why the properties of these materials make it a good choice for its purpose.

Nahim wants to carry out a fair test to see which solids dissolve in water.

Name 2 variables he must keep the same to make it a fair test.

What is the variable that he must change?

Sort these materials in the following table:								
coffee	sugar	salt	þe	epper	sand	jelly	wax	
Soluble			Insoluble					

Draw lines to match the mixtures to the best method of separation.

Mixture

sand and water

gravel and water

iron filings and sand

flour and water

Process of separation

magnet

sieving

picking out by hand

filtering