

# Year 4 States of matter

## Key Vocabulary

**Change of state** - when a material changes from one state to another.

**Melting** – a solid changing into a liquid. freezing When a liquid becomes cold enough to turn solid, it freezes.

**Melting point** - the temperature at which a solid becomes a liquid.

**Boiling point** - the temperature at which a liquid turns into a gas.

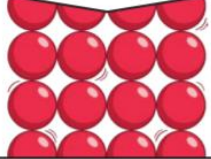
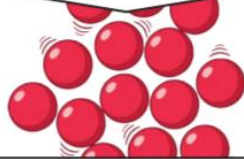
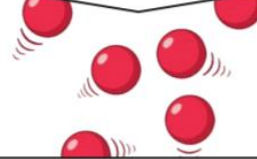
**Evaporation** - when liquid changes into a gas.

**Condensation** - the process when a gas changes into a liquid, caused by cooling.




**Water cycle** - the never-ending process of water moving from the oceans, up into the atmosphere, and back to the Earth and oceans.

**Temperature** - the measure of how hot or cold something is.



There are three states of matter.

Solid	Liquid	Gas
		
Particles in a <b>solid</b> are close together and cannot move. They can only vibrate.	Particles in a <b>liquid</b> are close together but can move around each other easily.	Particles in a <b>gas</b> are spread out and can move around very quickly in all directions.

## Melting and freezing

	<b>Melting</b> is a change of state from solid to liquid. The melting point of water is 0°C.
	<b>Freezing</b> is a change of state from liquid to solid. The freezing point of water is 0°C.
<b>Boiling</b> is a change of state from liquid to gas. Water boils when it is heated to 100°C. 	

## Evaporation and condensation

	<b>Evaporating puddles</b> Evaporation is the change from a liquid to a gas at the surface of the liquid.
	<b>Condensation in the bathroom</b> Condensation is the change from a gas to a liquid, caused by cooling.

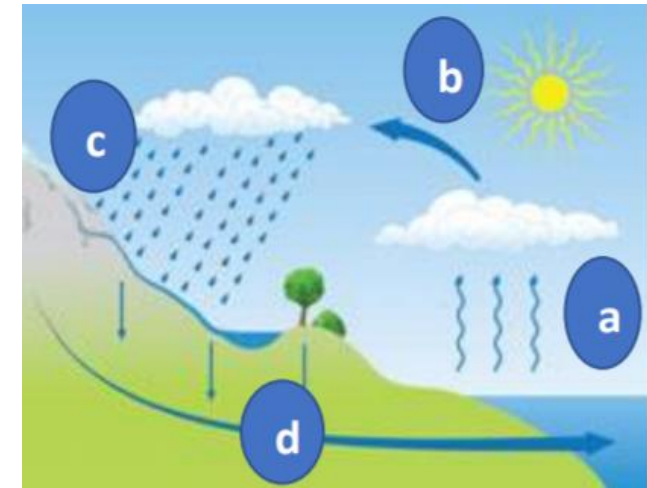
Temperature	
<b>Boiling</b>	Water boils at exactly 100 degrees Celsius (100°C).
<b>Melting</b>	Different solids melt at different temperatures Ice melts at 0°C Chocolate melts at about 35°C
<b>Freezing</b>	Water freezes at 0°C
<b>Evaporation and condensation</b>	Water can evaporate and condense at any temperature. But the warmer it is the faster the evaporation takes place.



Melting chocolate



Melting ice cube



<b>a</b>	<b>Water evaporates into the air</b> The sun heats up water at the surface of seas, rivers, lakes and turns it into water vapour. The water vapour rises into the air.
<b>b</b>	<b>Water vapour condenses into clouds</b> Water vapour in the air cools and changes back into tiny drops of liquid water, forming clouds.
<b>c</b>	<b>Water falls as rain snow, sleet etc</b> When too much water has condensed the water droplets in the clouds get too heavy and water falls back down to Earth in the form of rain, snow, sleet etc. This is called precipitation.
<b>d</b>	<b>Water returns to the sea.</b> Rainwater runs over the land and collects in lakes or rivers which take it back to the sea. <b>The cycle starts all over again</b>