

# Mar. 4C Gr. 8: States of Matter

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Course(s):  
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## Unit Overview

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Ice, liquid water, and water vapor are made of water molecules, but they are different forms of water. This concept will teach you more about the different states of matter.

## Enduring Understandings

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### Lesson Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

- Draw or model the movement of atoms in a solid, liquid, and gas.
- Explain what happens to the motion and energy of molecules as a substance is heated or cooled.
- Explain how substances change state.

## Essential Questions

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- **Overarching Question**

- How can one explain the structure, properties, and interactions of matter?

- **Focus Questions**

- How do particles combine to form the variety of matter one observes?
- What is energy?

- **Lesson Questions**

- How do molecules move within a solid, a liquid, and a gas?
- What happens to the average energy of the molecules in a substance when the substance is heated?
- How do changes of state occur?
- What affects the change in state of matter?

- **Can You Explain?**
  - How do the particles in matter change when a substance becomes hotter, cools down, or changes state?

## **Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities**

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- [The Five E Instructional Model](#)

Science Techbook follows the 5E instructional model. As you plan your lesson, the provided Model Lesson includes strategies for each of the 5Es.

- [Engage \(45–90 minutes\)](#)

Students are presented with dry ice as an example of rapid state change to introduce how matter changes its state. Students begin to formulate ideas around the Can You Explain? (CYE) question.

- [Explore \(135 minutes\)](#)

Students investigate questions about how energy affects the state of matter using evidence from text and media assets. Students examine how a change in the state of matter affects volume.

- [Explain \(45–90 minutes\)](#)

Students construct scientific explanations to the CYE question by including evidence of how energy affects particles in a substance and, subsequently, the state of matter of the substance.

- [Elaborate with STEM \(45–135 minutes\)](#)

Students apply their understanding of states of matter as they explore research conducted by physicists, learn how chemical engineers incite changes of state, and examine how altitude affects boiling point.

- [Evaluate \(45–90 minutes\)](#)

Students are evaluated on the state science standards, as well as Standards in ELA/Literacy and Standards in Math standards, using Board Builder and the provided concept summative assessments.

## **Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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Students will utilize Chrome books, group or partnership collaborations and on-line resources to investigate and present findings

TECH.9.4.8.Cl.4

Explore the role of creativity and innovation in career pathways and industries.

TECH.9.4.8.IML.1

Critically curate multiple resources to assess the credibility of sources when searching for

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|                   | information.   |
| TECH.9.4.8.IML.3  | Create a digital visualization that effectively communicates a data set using formatting techniques such as form, position, size, color, movement, and spatial grouping (e.g., 6.SP.B.4, 7.SP.B.8b). |
| TECH.9.4.8.IML.4  | Ask insightful questions to organize different types of data and create meaningful visualizations.   |
| TECH.9.4.8.IML.12 | Use relevant tools to produce, publish, and deliver information supported with evidence for an authentic audience.   |
|                   | Multiple solutions often exist to solve a problem.   |
|                   | Gathering and evaluating knowledge and information from a variety of sources, including global perspectives, fosters creativity and innovative thinking.   |
|                   | An individual's strengths, lifestyle goals, choices, and interests affect employment and income.   |
|                   | Increases in the quantity of information available through electronic means have heightened the need to check sources for possible distortion, exaggeration, or misrepresentation.                   |

## **Technology and Design Integration**

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Students will utilize simple technologies such calculators and thermometers and complex technologies such as computers and Smart-boards.

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| CS.6-8.8.1.8.DA.1 | Organize and transform data collected using computational tools to make it usable for a specific purpose.  |
|                   | People use digital devices and tools to automate the collection, use, and transformation of data. The manner in which data is collected and transformed is influenced by the type of digital device(s) available and the intended use of the data. |

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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| LA.RI.8.1    | Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.   |
| LA.RST.6-8.1 | Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.  |
| LA.RST.6-8.2 | Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.  |
| LA.RST.6-8.3 | Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.   |
| LA.RI.8.4    | Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts. |
| LA.RST.6-8.4 | Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics.  |
| LA.RST.6-8.5 | Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.   |
| MA.6.NS.C.5  | Understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities  |

having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge); use positive and negative numbers to represent quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation.

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| LA.RST.6-8.6    | Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.   |
| LA.RST.6-8.7    | Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).  |
| LA.RI.8.7       | Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.   |
| LA.RI.8.8       | Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.                         |
| LA.RST.6-8.8    | Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.  |
| LA.RI.8.10      | By the end of the year read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.  |
| LA.RST.6-8.10   | By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.  |
| LA.W.8.1        | Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.1.A | Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.1.B | Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.   |
| LA.WHST.6-8.1.C | Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.   |
| LA.WHST.6-8.1.D | Establish and maintain a formal/academic style, approach, and form.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.1.E | Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.   |
| LA.W.8.2        | Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.2.B | Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.2.C | Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.2.D | Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.4   | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.5   | With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.6   | Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.  |
| LA.WHST.6-8.7   | Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.        |
| LA.WHST.6-8.9   | Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.  |

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| LA.W.8.7    | Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.          |
| LA.SL.8.1   | Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.          |
| LA.SL.8.4   | Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. |
| MA.6.SP.B.5 | Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context, such as by:  |

## Differentiation

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### Struggling Students

1. Show students 3 filled balloons that were kept at different temperatures (freezer, refrigerator, and room temperature).
2. Provide students with some examples of other substances that may be classified as a liquid or a solid. Ask students to classify these substances as either a liquid or solid, and have them list reasons for their choice.
3. Have students make a model of ice and a model of individual water molecules. Ask student to compare and contrast the ice and liquid water models.

### ELL

1. Using images such as ice and water as well as dew and a thunderstorm can help to provide context and schema for students when entering the discussion of what states of matter are.
2. Assist students in identifying familiar prefixes and/or words within words (e.g., “composition” within “decomposition”) for each term.

### Accelerated Students

1. Have students complete a Venn diagram to compare and contrast physical and chemical properties.
2. Have students use Board Builder to create a poster that illustrates the molecular movement when the bottle collapses.
3. Have students measure the mass and volume of ice and of liquid water and calculate the density of each.

Differentiation in science can be accomplished in several ways. Once you have given a pre-test to students, you know what information has already been mastered and what they still need to work on. Next, you design activities, discussions, lectures, and so on to teach information to students. The best way is to have two or three groups of students divided by ability level.

While you are instructing one group, the other groups are working on activities to further their knowledge of the concepts. For example, while you are helping one group learn the planet names in order, another group is researching climate, size, and distance from the moon of each planet. Then the groups switch, and you instruct the second group on another objective from the space unit. The first group practices writing the order of the planets and drawing a diagram of them.

Here are some ideas for the classroom when you are using differentiation in science:

- Create a tic-tac-toe board that lists different activities at different ability levels. When students aren't involved in direct instruction with you, they can work on activities from their tic-tac-toe board. These boards have nine squares, like a tic-tac-toe board; and each square lists an activity that corresponds with the science unit. For example, one solar system activity for advanced science students might be to create a power point presentation about eclipses. For beginning students, an activity might be to make a poster for one of the planets and include important data such as size, order from the sun, whether it has moons, and so on.
- Find websites on the current science unit that students can explore on their own.
- Allow students to work in small groups to create a project throughout the entire unit. For example, one group might create a solar system model to scale. Another group might write a play about the solar system. This is an activity these groups can work on while they are not working directly with you.

Differentiation in science gets students excited to learn because it challenges them to expand their knowledge and skills, instead of teaching the whole group concepts they have already mastered

## **Modifications & Accommodations**

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Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMODATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

### **Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

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## **Benchmark Assessments**

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**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

### **Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

### **Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

Chemistry benchmarks will be given at the beginning and end of the chemistry unit.

## **Formative Assessments**

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Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

### **Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

See assessments located in links above.

## **Summative Assessments**

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**Summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of ways to combine these approaches.

### **Summative assessments for this unit:**

assessments located in links above.

## **Instructional Materials**

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See materials located in links above.

Discovery Techbook

Teacher made materials

## Standards

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SCI.MS-PS1

Matter and its Interactions

SCI.MS-PS1-4

Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.

Emphasis is on qualitative molecular-level models of solids, liquids, and gases to show that adding or removing thermal energy increases or decreases kinetic energy of the particles until a change of state occurs. Examples of models could include drawings and diagrams. Examples of particles could include molecules or inert atoms. Examples of pure substances could include water, carbon dioxide, and helium.

Developing and Using Models

Develop a model to predict and/or describe phenomena.

SCI.MS.PS1.A

Structure and Properties of Matter

Gases and liquids are made of molecules or inert atoms that are moving about relative to each other.

In a liquid, the molecules are constantly in contact with others; in a gas, they are widely spaced except when they happen to collide. In a solid, atoms are closely spaced and may vibrate in position but do not change relative locations.

The changes of state that occur with variations in temperature or pressure can be described and predicted using these models of matter.

SCI.MS.PS3.A

Definitions of Energy

The term “heat” as used in everyday language refers both to thermal energy (the motion of atoms or molecules within a substance) and the transfer of that thermal energy from one object to another. In science, heat is used only for this second meaning; it refers to the energy transferred due to the temperature difference between two objects.

The temperature of a system is proportional to the average internal kinetic energy and potential energy per atom or molecule (whichever is the appropriate building block for the system’s material). The details of that relationship depend on the type of atom or molecule and the interactions among the atoms in the material. Temperature is not a direct measure of a system’s total thermal energy. The total thermal energy (sometimes called the total internal energy) of a system depends jointly on the temperature, the total number of atoms in the system, and the state of the material.

Cause and Effect

Cause and effect relationships may be used to predict phenomena in natural or designed systems.