5.2 Properties of Matter

: those properties that you can observe with your senses, measure, or calculate.
Many of these are directly observable
(, etc) but some are detected
through an extension of senses (,
Some (like or) must be measured or calculated.
Check out pfor a list of physical properties. We will take a closer look at a few.
The main 3 states of matter are,,
and Moving from one state to another is a
and can be used to identify matter.
: the temperature at which a solid becomes a liquid.
: the temperature at which a liquid becomes a gas
Examples: gold: melting point: 1065 °C boiling point: 2710 °C
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chlorine: melting point: -101 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ boiling point: -34 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

You can use these physical properties to determine what a substance is made of. You can also use it to a mixture into pure substances.
: ability to be beaten into thin sheets (metals)
: ability to be drawn into a wire (metals)
: the degree to which a substance will dissolve in a given amount of another substance (usually water)
: ability to conduct electricity or heat.
: mass per unit volume. Usually measured in g/cm ³
What is the density of a 20g piece of aluminum with a volume of 7.4 \mbox{cm}^3
A property describes the behavior of a substance as it changes into a new substance.
: the rapid reaction of some substances with oxygen resulting in the release of a great deal of energy
Flammable, inflammable and combustible all mean the same!
: the slow reaction of certain metals with oxygen to form metal oxides
: will a substance react with an acid? Ex: zinc, magnesium