Properties of Solids, Liquids and Gases Cut and Stick Activity Answer Sheet

State of matter	Particle arrangement	Diagram Main properties	
Solid	Particles are uniformly arranged in a tightly packed lattice. Particles can vibrate but do not have much energy to move about.		 Cannot be compressed Retains a fixed shape
Liquid	Particles are randomly arranged and touching. Individual particles can move and slide past one another.		 Cannot be compressed Fills the shape of the bottom of a container
Gas	The particles have a lot of energy and move freely to fill all the available space.		Can be compressed Fills entirely any enclosed container



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State of matter	Particle arrangement	Particle movement	Particle energy	Diagram	Main properties
Solid	Particles are uniformly arranged in a tightly packed lattice.	Vibrate from a fixed position only.	Low		Cannot be compressedRetains a fixed shape
Liquid	Particles are in contact with each other but are not fixed in their positions.	Particles move and slide past one another.	Moderate		 Cannot be compressed Fills the shape of the bottom of a container
Gas	Particles are more widely spread and rarely in contact.	Moving rapidly and freely into any available space.	High		Can be compressed Fills entirely any enclosed container



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