

Changes of State

Reading Preview

Key Concepts

- What happens to a substance during changes between solid and liquid?
- What happens to a substance during changes between liquid and gas?
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Key Terms

- melting • melting point
- freezing • vaporization
- evaporation • boiling
- boiling point • condensation
- sublimation

Lab
zone

Discover Activity

What Happens When You Breathe on a Mirror?

1. Obtain a hand mirror. Clean it with a dry cloth. Describe the mirror's surface.
2. Hold the mirror about 15 cm away from your face. Try to breathe against the mirror's surface.
3. Reduce the distance until breathing on the mirror produces a visible change. Record what you observe.



Think It Over

Developing Hypotheses What did you observe when you breathed on the mirror held close to your mouth? How can you explain that observation? Why did you get different results when the mirror was at greater distances from your face?

Target Reading Skill

Outlining As you read, make an outline about changes of state. Use the red headings for the main ideas and the blue headings for the supporting ideas.

Changes in State

- I. Changes Between Solid and Liquid
 - A. Melting
 - B.
- II. Changes Between Liquid and Gas

Picture an ice cream cone on a hot summer day. The ice cream quickly starts to drip onto your hand. You're not surprised. You know that ice cream melts if it's not kept cold. But why does the ice cream melt?

Particles of a substance at a warmer temperature have more thermal energy than particles of that same substance at a cooler temperature. You may recall that thermal energy always flows as heat from a warmer substance to a cooler substance. So, when you take ice cream outside on a hot summer day, it absorbs thermal energy from the air and your hand. The added energy changes the ice cream from a solid to a liquid.

Increased thermal energy turns an ice cream cone into a gooey mess! ►



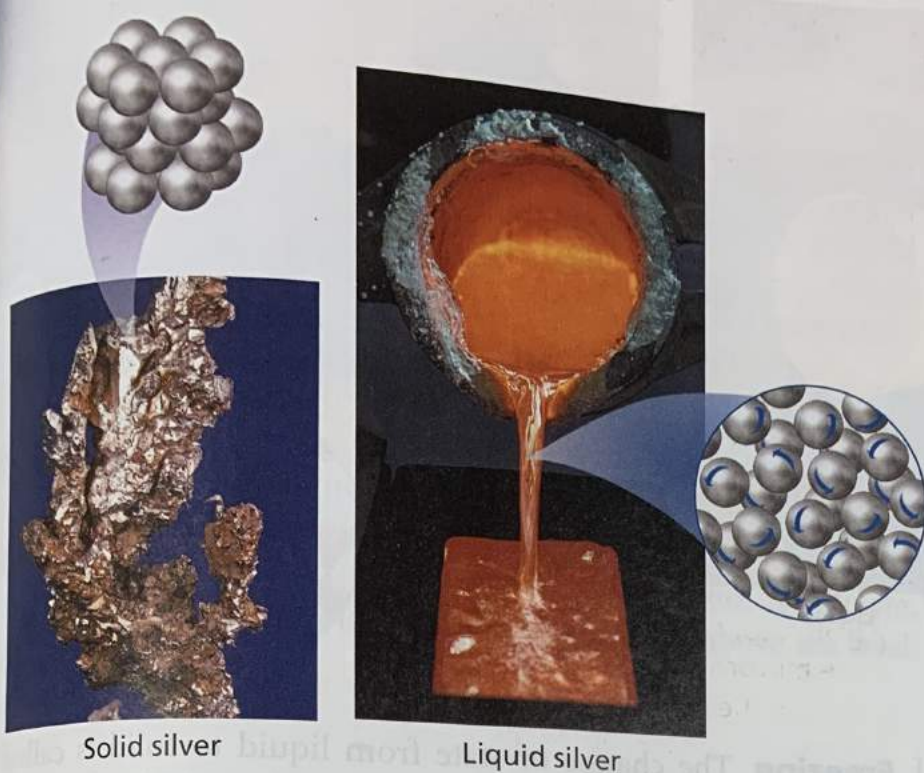
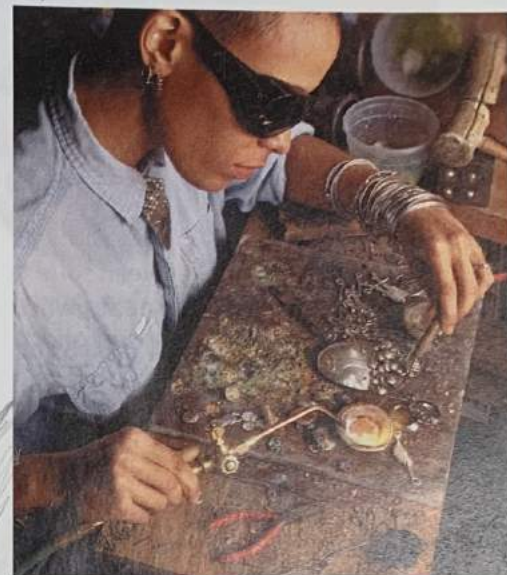


FIGURE 9

Solid to Liquid

In solid silver, atoms are in a regular, cubic pattern. Atoms in liquid (molten) silver have no regular arrangement.

Applying Concepts How can a jewelry maker take advantage of changes in the state of silver?



Changes Between Solid and Liquid

How does the physical state of a substance relate to its thermal energy? Particles of a liquid have more thermal energy than particles of the same substance in solid form. As a gas, the particles of this same substance have even more thermal energy. A substance changes state when its thermal energy increases or decreases sufficiently. A change from solid to liquid involves an increase in thermal energy. As you can guess, a change from liquid to solid is just the opposite: It involves a decrease in thermal energy.

Melting The change in state from a solid to a liquid is called **melting**. In most pure substances, melting occurs at a specific temperature, called the **melting point**. Because melting point is a characteristic property of a substance, chemists often compare melting points when trying to identify an unknown material. The melting point of pure water, for example, is 0°C .

What happens to the particles of a substance as it melts? Think of an ice cube taken from the freezer. The energy to melt the ice comes mostly from the air in the room. At first, the added thermal energy makes the water molecules vibrate faster, raising their temperature. **At its melting point, the particles of a solid substance are vibrating so fast that they break free from their fixed positions.** At 0°C , the temperature of the ice stops increasing. Any added energy continues to change the arrangement of the water molecules from ice crystals into liquid water. The ice melts.



Liquid



Solid

FIGURE 10




Liquid to Solid

Just a few hours in a freezer will change liquid water into a solid.

Lab zone

Try This Activity

Keeping Cool

1.   Wrap the bulbs of two alcohol thermometers with equal amounts of gauze.
2. Lay the thermometers on a paper towel on a table.
3. Use a medicine dropper to put 10 drops of water on the gauze surrounding the bulb of one thermometer.
4.  Using rubbing alcohol rather than water, repeat step 3 with the second thermometer.
5. Read the temperatures on the two thermometers for several minutes.

Interpreting Data Which liquid evaporates faster? Explain your answer.

Freezing The change of state from liquid to solid is called **freezing**. It is just the reverse of melting. **At its freezing temperature, the particles of a liquid are moving so slowly that they begin to form regular patterns.**

When you put liquid water into a freezer, for example, the water loses energy to the cold air in the freezer. The water molecules move more and more slowly as they lose energy. Over time, the water becomes solid ice. When water begins to freeze, its temperature remains at 0°C until freezing is complete. The freezing point of water, 0°C , is the same as its melting point.



Reading Checkpoint

What happens to the particles of a liquid as they lose more and more energy?

Changes Between Liquid and Gas

Have you ever wondered how clouds form, or why rain falls from clouds? And why do puddles dry up after a rain shower? To answer these questions, you need to look at what happens when changes occur between the liquid and gas states.

The change from a liquid to a gas is called **vaporization** (vay puh rh ih ZAY shun). **Vaporization takes place when the particles in a liquid gain enough energy to form a gas.** There are two main types of vaporization—evaporation and boiling.

Evaporation Vaporization that takes place only on the surface of a liquid is called **evaporation** (ee vap uh RAY shun). A shrinking puddle is an example. Water in the puddle gains energy from the ground, the air, or the sun. The added energy enables some of the water molecules on the surface of the puddle to escape into the air, or evaporate.

Boiling Another kind of vaporization is called boiling. **Boiling** occurs when a liquid changes to a gas below its surface as well as at the surface. You see the results of this process when the boiling liquid bubbles. The temperature at which a liquid boils is called its **boiling point**. As with melting points, chemists use boiling points to help identify an unknown substance.

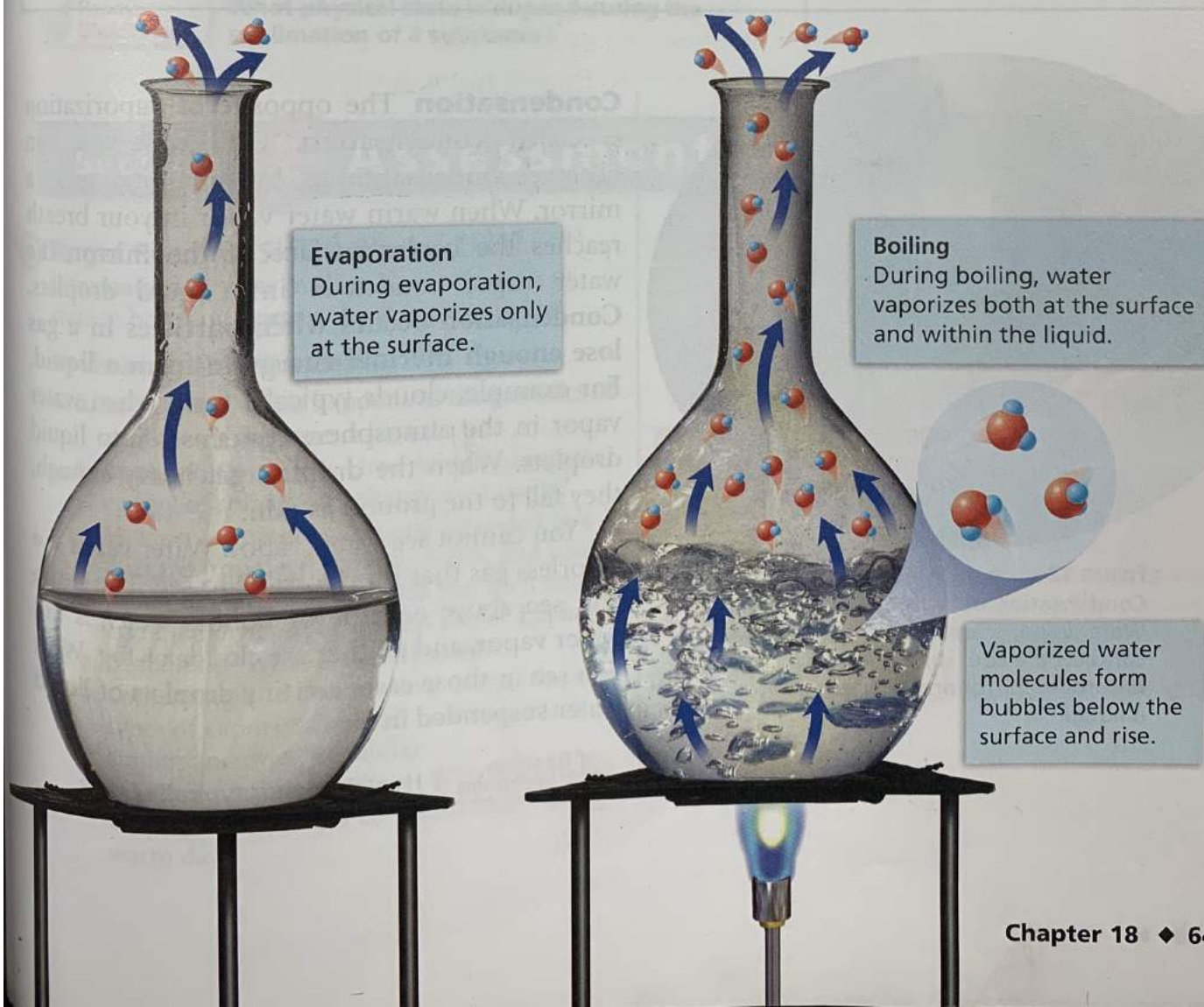
Boiling Point and Air Pressure The boiling point of a substance depends on the pressure of the air above it. The lower the pressure, the less energy needed for the particles of the liquid to escape into the air. In places close to sea level, the boiling point of water is 100°C . In the mountains, however, air pressure is lower and so is water's boiling point. In Denver, Colorado, where the elevation is 1,600 meters above sea level, water boils at 95°C .

FIGURE 11

Evaporation and Boiling

Liquids can vaporize in two ways.

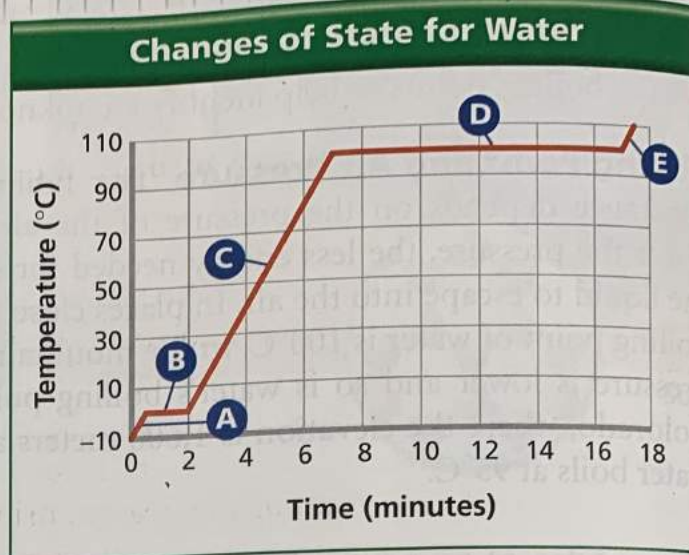
Interpreting Diagrams How do these processes differ?



Temperature and Changes of State of State

A beaker of ice at -10°C was slowly heated to 110°C . The changes in the temperature of the water over time were recorded. The data were plotted on the graph shown here.

- Reading Graphs** What two variables are plotted on the graph?
- Reading Graphs** What is happening to the temperature of the water during segment C of the graph?
- Interpreting Data** What does the temperature value for segment B represent? For segment D?
- Drawing Conclusions** What change of state is occurring during segment B of the graph? During segment D?



- Inferring** In which segment, A or E, do the water molecules have more thermal energy? Explain your reasoning.



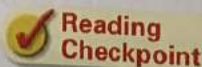
FIGURE 12

Condensation of Water

Water vapor from a hot shower contacts the cool surface of a bathroom mirror and condenses into a liquid.

Condensation The opposite of vaporization is called **condensation**. One way you can observe condensation is by breathing onto a mirror. When warm water vapor in your breath reaches the cooler surface of the mirror, the water vapor condenses into liquid droplets. **Condensation occurs when particles in a gas lose enough thermal energy to form a liquid.** For example, clouds typically form when water vapor in the atmosphere condenses into liquid droplets. When the droplets get heavy enough, they fall to the ground as rain.

You cannot see water vapor. Water vapor is a colorless gas that is impossible to see. The steam you see above a kettle of boiling water is not water vapor, and neither are clouds or fog. What you see in those cases are tiny droplets of liquid water suspended in air.



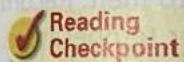
Reading Checkpoint

How do clouds typically form?

Changes Between Solid and Gas

If you live where the winters are cold, you may have noticed that snow seems to disappear even when the temperature stays well below freezing. This change is the result of sublimation. **Sublimation** occurs when the surface particles of a solid gain enough energy that they form a gas. **During sublimation, particles of a solid do not pass through the liquid state as they form a gas.**

One example of sublimation occurs with dry ice. Dry ice is the common name for solid carbon dioxide. At ordinary atmospheric pressures, carbon dioxide cannot exist as a liquid. So instead of melting, solid carbon dioxide changes directly into a gas. As it changes state, the carbon dioxide absorbs thermal energy. This property helps keep materials near dry ice cold and dry. For this reason, using dry ice is a way to keep temperature low when a refrigerator is not available. When dry ice becomes a gas, it cools water vapor in the nearby air. The water vapor then condenses into a liquid, forming fog around the dry ice.



Reading Checkpoint What physical state is skipped during the sublimation of a substance?



FIGURE 13

Dry Ice

When solid carbon dioxide, called "dry ice," sublimates, it changes directly into a gas. **Predicting** If you allowed the dry ice to stand at room temperature for several hours, what would be left in the glass dish? Explain.

Section 2 Assessment

Target Reading Skill Outlining Use the information in your outline about changes of state to help you answer the questions below.

Reviewing Key Concepts

- a. Reviewing** What happens to the particles of a solid as it becomes a liquid?

b. Applying Concepts How does the thermal energy of solid water change as it melts?

c. Making Judgments You are stranded in a blizzard. You need water to drink, and you're trying to stay warm. Should you melt snow and then drink it, or just eat snow? Explain.
- a. Describing** What is vaporization?

b. Comparing and Contrasting Name the two types of vaporization. Tell how they are similar and how they differ.

c. Relating Cause and Effect Why does the evaporation of sweat cool your body on a warm day?

- a. Identifying** What process occurs as pieces of dry ice gradually get smaller?

b. Interpreting Photos What is the fog you see in the air around the dry ice in Figure 13? Why does the fog form?

Writing in Science

Using Analogies Write a short essay in which you create an analogy to describe particle motion. Compare the movements and positions of people dancing with the motions of water molecules in liquid water and in water vapor.