

Solids and Liquids

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What do shoes, paper, and cheese all have in common? They are all **solids**. Solids are things that have a shape of their own. They do not flow like liquids do. Computers, trees, and soccer balls are also solids.

Liquids do not keep their shape. A liquid can be poured into a container and will take the container's shape. Some examples of liquids are water and milk.

Solids and liquids have something in common. They are both states of *matter*. Matter is everywhere. It is anything that takes up space and has mass. Mass is a measure of how much matter is in an object. All objects are made of matter.

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1. What are solids?

- A) things that do not keep their shape
- B) things that have a shape of their own
- C) water and milk

2. What are solids compared with in this article?

- A) liquids
- B) trees
- C) computers

3. Read this paragraph from the article.

"Liquids do not keep their shape. A liquid can be poured into a container and will take the container's shape. Some examples of liquids are water and milk."

What can be concluded about the shape of water and milk from this information?

- A) Water and milk do not flow.
- B) Water and milk have a shape of their own.
- C) Water and milk do not keep their shape.

4. What is true about the similarities and differences of solids and liquids?

- A) There are similarities and differences between solids and liquids.
- B) There are differences between solids and liquids but not any similarities.
- C) There are similarities between solids and liquids but not any differences.

5. What is the main idea of this article?

6. Read these sentences from the text.

"Solids and liquids have something in common. They are both states of matter."

What does it mean that solids and liquids "have something in common"?

- A) All objects are made of matter.
- B) Solids and liquids are alike in some way.
- C) Solids take up more space than liquids do.

7. Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

Solids do not flow, _____ liquids do.

- A) so
- B) because
- C) but

8. What is matter?

9. Where is matter?

10. Are solids and liquids the only kinds of matter? Support your answer with evidence from the article.
