

Read the passage, answer the questions, and highlight information found in the text you used to answer the questions. Circle the main idea, and put a "?" next to words you don't know.

Forms of Matter



If you look around, you will find that everything you see is made of matter. The clothes you wear, the air, the delicious food you eat is all matter. There are three forms of matter that scientists label when describing matter.

One form of matter is a solid. Solids have a definite shape. It takes up a definite space. The overall shape of a solid does not change. Solids do not flow. Examples of solids are cars, books, and rocks.

Liquid matter takes the shape of the container. Even though the volume of liquid remains the same, the shape can change. Because it can change it's shape it is easily poured into other containers. Examples of liquid is water, blood, and tea.

The third form of matter is a gas. Gas is invisible. The air around us that we breathe is a gas. Gas can spread out to fill a container. You can put your hand through gases. We are surrounded by different gases. Oxygen is a gas that we breathe. Steam from boiling water is also an example of gas.

1. What are the three forms of matter?

2. List some examples of liquids from the text.

3. Which text structure did the author use to write the article? (circle one)
a. Problem & Solution **b. Description**
4. What is matter?

5. Explain the form of gas.
