

The matter and its properties: how to classify materials as solids, liquids or gases.

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School	Primary	_	Middle	High	
Year / Class	1	2	3	4	5
Subject :		Topic: Physical Science			
CLIL language	English				

Teacher / Teaching	Teacher's role:	Main Teacher Co-teacher Other:	Subject taught: Math and Natural Sciences
team profile	Teacher's role:	Main Teacher Co-teacher Other:	Subject taught:

	CEFR Level:	A1 B1	A2 B2	C1 C2	
Student group profile (general)	Experiences of English mother Other mother t	CLIL r tongue tongue	Migrant Special E Other:	background ducational Needs :	
	Experiences of Students have h	CLIL ad experiences of	of CLIL both at Prima	ry and at Middle school.	

Timetable fit	• Module	Previous lessons:
	0 Lesson	This lesson is part of the first module of Physics lessons.
		In this module, students learn what matter is, which are its phases and what their molecular structure is like. Furthermore, they study how to measure volume and mass and increase their knowledge and comprehension of volume units of measurements.
		The whole module is planned as laboratory activities and students work in small groups of four people.
		Each lesson lasts 2x50'.
		This one is the 11th lesson of a module of 16 lessons.
		The previous ten lessons have been organised as follows:
		1. How can we demonstrate that air exists?
		2. How can we demonstrate that air occupies a space?
		3. How can we measure volumes? Millilitre and Litre as units of measurement.
		4. Does a solid have its own shape? And a liquid? And a gas?
		5. Does a solid have its own volume? And a liquid? And a gas?
		How can we measure the volumes of irregular objects? (Displacement method for measuring volume)
		7. How can we measure the volume of water? And of air?
		 How can we measure volumes? dm³/l and cm³/ml as units of measurement.
		9. How can we measure and calculate the volume of objects built up with small cubes?
		10. Is a solid, a liquid or a gas compressible or is it incompressible?
		Future lessons:
		The future work will focus on:
		1. How can we measure the mass of a solid? And of a liquid?
		2. How can we measure the mass of air.
		3. What is the molecular structure of solids, liquids and gases like? Properties of matter depend on how molecules are packed (students will watch the video "https://www.youtube.com/watch? annotation_id=annotation_4109161969&feature=iv&src_vid=b MbmQzV-Ezs&v=21CR01rlmv4 " modified by their teacher using ed-puzzle. They will have to follow an organized schedule)
		 Models of molecular structures (from: La struttura particellare della materia nella scuola media inferiore: risultati di un'indagine e riflessioni didattiche" PierLuigi Riani, originariamente su La Chimica nella Scuola, 1995, XVII (3), 79- 85. Riprodotto con l'autorizzazione direttore di CnS.)
		5. Summative assessment at the end of the module.

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Students' prior	Subject	Language
knowledge, skills,	Students know:	Specific vocabulary:
competencies	The definition of matter; that even air	Matter, solid, liquid, gas, volume, shape,
	is matter and occupies a space; what	physical properties, compressible,
	shapes and volume are; how to	incompressible, state of matter, units of
	measure volume; which are the units	measurements, to measure, to calculate, ml, l,
	of measurement for volume; how to	dm^3 , cm^3 .
	calculate volume; the physical	
	properties of matter.	Structure: present form, past form (simple
		past tense: students have not studied it yet in
	Most students are able to:	L2; when we have found a verb in the simple
	Work in a laboratory; follow	past tense for the first time I told the students
	instructions to manage an experiment;	that it was a past form and I showed them
	plan a simple experiment to	how to form it with regular verbs;
	demonstrate a theory; write a	furthermore I told them the simple past tense
	methodology recount.	of each irregular verb we have found).
		Function , we worked on giving instructions
		describing a process sequencing events to
		recount an experiment describing cause and
		effect writing a methodology recount
		enect, writing a methodology recount.
		When students work in groups, they speak in
		Italian and switch to English only when the
		teacher is with them or when they have to
		write a composition or to prepare something
		that has to be said aloud to the whole class.
	Relational competences	
	These students are used to working in g	roups also in a cooperative way in order to
	solve problems and to finding working s	strategies; some of them need to improve their
	abilities to communicate on a person-to-	-person basis, defending their ideas and their
	working processes. Furthermore these l	earners need to understand well that their
	contribution is essential for the good res	sult of the whole group.
	Contract	
Learning Outcomes	Content:	
expected for this	<u>Teacher's aim</u> : to enable learners to ider	ntify solids, liquids and gases.

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	Learning outcomes:
	To know differences and similarities between the phases of matter
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	To be able to organise materials depending on the physical matter properties.
	To be able to identify a material as a solid a liquid or a gas
	The associate the second second and a second s
	To be aware that fixed volume and incompressibility are strictly related.
	To be aware that matter can be found in different phases at room temperature.
	Togeher's gim: to onable learners to greate a tool to classify materials
	Learning outcomes:
	To know what a binary key is and how it works
	To be able to create a simple binary key.
	To be able to use a binary key.
	To be aware that a binary key is a good tool to classify materials
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	To be aware that there are different possible binary keys useful to classify materials.
	Teacher's aim: to develop learners' abilities to work in groups defending their ideas
	and their working processes.
	Learning outcomes:
	To be able to work individually
	To be use to work intributuary.
	I o be able to share their own work in a group.
	To be able to defend their ideas.
	To be aware of the importance of the contribution of the whole group
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	Cognition
	Cognition:
	Comparing and contrasting (when students compare and contrast the properties of
	matter and when they compare the tool they have created with those of others)
	Description of the standards we are a standards in the standard of the scheme of method
	Reorganizing (when students reorganise the properties of the phases of matter
	through a diagram).
	Classifying (when students classify a material as solid liquid and gas)
	Constraint (when statistics exists by a material as show, inquite and gas).
lesson	Creating (when students create their own binary key to classify).
lesson	Verifying (when students verify if the tool works or not).
	Reasoning to draw conclusions when students discuss (i.e. to find the correct criteria
	is a state of the
	to build the binary key).
	Evaluating (when students evaluate their own and their classmates' work).
	Communication:
	Teacher aim:
	To develop learners speaking or act
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	Learning outcomes:
	To know and be able to use the key vocabulary, the structures and the language
	functions that follow:
	incuous that follow:
	Key vocabulary/chunks:
	binary key, arrow, rhombus, rectangle, diagram, table/chart, column, row, first
	account the sector metazia calid liquid acc fund values for a shore
	second, till d, four til, matter, material, sond, ilquid, gas, fixed volume, fixed snape,
	compressible, incompressible, state of matter, to fall (fell), general vocabulary as in
	Activity 4.
	Christer and
	suuciures.
	Sequence of events with present tense (first, next, then, at the end).
	Past tense (for recounting what has been done)
	Los of applicitable (16) recomming which has been done).
	use of conditional o (to lead to logical conclusions).
	Functions:
	hypothesising
	adving and engineering questions
	asking and answering questions
	agreeing and disagreeing
	expressing an opinion
	enclosing on drawing conductors
	analysing and drawing conclusions
	comparing and contrasting
	Culture: To be aware that a binary key is a useful tool to classify.

Methodology	 Language and content are integrated as follows: There are different strategies of interaction between students in order to modify their speaking needs several times during the lesson. Students need to recount an experiment to the whole class, they need to record their knowledge on a chart by themselves, they need to discuss in pairs or in a groups in order to find, for example, the best diagram that represents their ideas, they need to defend their opinion and to write a diagram using correct questions. Visual organisers, labelled images, sentence starters, substitution tables are proposed by the teacher in order to support learning and scaffolding learners output. The example of a binary key that resumes what students have already studied in Italian (animals) helps them to understand what a binary key is and helps the teacher to explain what has to be done. A whole class plenary at the end of both the activities and the whole lesson is done to check, revise and assess both contents and language acquisition.
Assessment	The assessment is both formative assessment and peer assessment. The teacher monitors: groups' activities learners' interactions with a partner learners' participation in all tasks and activities. When students are working in groups, the teacher writes her/his observations on an Assessment sheet.

ASSESSMENT SHEET

The teacher will monitor students' abilities when they work in groups and write her/his observations on this assessment sheet.

Name: _____

can			
		Date	Date
Α	Work independently		
В	Work in his/her group to create a shared product		
С	Share his/her own work with the group:		
	He/she presents his work to the group		
	He/she uses evidences to support ideas		
D	Defend his/her ideas into a group:		
	He/she identifies points of similarities and differences		
	He/she expresses support/disagreement for other ideas		
	He/she builds on other learners' ideas		
	He/she clarifies his/her own points		
	He/she uses evidences to support ideas		

Language structure aims:

Name: _____

can						
		Needs improve_ ment	2	Well 3	4	Very well 5
Α	Ask questions					
В	Answer questions					
С	Recount experiments using sequencing of					
	events					
D	Use conditional 0					

To complete use the evaluation rubric:

	Needs		Well		Very well
	improvement	2	3	4	5
	1				
The student can ask questions. (<i>Scaffolding</i> <i>Activity4</i>)	The student cannot ask questions even using the scaffolding suggested by the teacher	The student begins to use the scaffolding as suggested.	The student asks questions using the correct form only when he reads it on the scaffolding sheet.	The student begins to ask questions without reading but he is not always correct.	The student asks questions using the correct form.
The student can answer questions. (<i>Scaffolding</i> <i>Activity4</i>)	The student cannot answer questions even using the suggested scaffolding.	The student begins to use the scaffolding as suggested.	The student answers correctly only when he uses the scaffolding chart or answers in the short form.	The student begins to answer without reading but he is not always correct.	The student answers correctly and with a complete sentence.
The student can recount experiments using sequencing of events.	The student is not able to recount the experiment using a sequence of events.	The student begins to use the sequencing of events in the present tense but he does not use it always properly.	The student correctly uses the sequencing of events in the present tense	The student begins to use the sequencing of events in the past tense but he is not always correct.	The student correctly uses the sequencing of events in the past tense
The student can use conditional 0.	The student does not use conditional 0	The student begins to use the conditional 0, but not always properly.	The student uses conditional 0 in the correct form only when he reads it.	The student begins to use the conditional 0 without reading but he is not always correct.	The student uses conditional 0 to draw his conclusions.

Activity	Activity aims	Activity Procedure	Language	Interaction	Materials	Timing	Assessment
1	Brainstorming: recapping, warming up	The teacher asks learners to recap what has been done. "What did we discover last time?" and /or "Can you summarise what we did last time?" Learners are supposed to answer by looking at the schedules they've worked on.	Communicative functions: Recounting experiments Structures: Sequencing of events in present tense or in past tense	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	Schedules completed by the students during the previous lab lessons	5'	Students can use sequencing of events in present or in past tense for recounting what has been done. The teacher records students abilities: Student X can recount experiments. (Assessment sheet)
2	Problem posing:	The teacher reads aloud the text of "Activity2" and asks students "What does Maggie ask? What is her problem?" Students read the text again to scan for specific information and answer on their sheet. The teacher asks, "How can we help Maggie?" introducing so far the point of the lesson. Learners write their hypothesis and read them to the class.	Hypothesising	 Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work 	Text proposed by the teacher (<i>Activity 2</i>) (for the picture see Resources and Tools)	5'	Students can find the requested information in the written text and answer the question on their sheets.

2b	Presentation of the binary key as a tool useful to classifyanimals and	The teacher reads the schedule: "Do you know this? We can use a binary key to identify whether a material is a solid, a liquid or a gas." and she asks if anyone knows what a binary key is. Students are supposed to answer depending on their own knowledge. If someone knows what a binary key is, the teacher asks for an explanation. If nobody knows, the teacher will show at the IWB (Interactive White Board) some examples of binary keys used to classify vertebrates. Learners have already studied animals and can easily understand how the tool works.	Asking and answering questions.		Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	Text proposed by the teacher (<i>Activity 3,</i> <i>title</i>) Examples of binary keys (see, for example, <i>Scaffolding</i> <i>activity 4a</i>)	5`	Students can answer questions such as "Can you tell me what a binary key is?" and "When can we use a binary key?".
3a	Activating prior knowledge: Organisation of the properties of the phases of matter in a table looking at the experiences already done.	The teacher asks students to complete the table in <i>Activity3a</i> in order to organise the properties of the phases of matter. Students are supposed to complete the chart by their own.	Key vocabulary: Table, matter, physical properties, solid, liquid, gas, fixed volume, fixed shape, compressible, incompressible	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	<u>To be completed:</u> Table: <i>Activity 3a</i> <u>To be used as a</u> <u>resource:</u> - List of the experiments already done - Schedules that students completed during the previous lab lessons	10'	Students can complete the table on their own. The teacher records students' abilities: e.g. Student X can work individually. (<i>Assessment sheet</i>)

3b	Activating prior knowledge: Sharing of work with group mates and production of a table shared by the whole group	Learners are asked to compare their tables in their working groups and obtain a shared product. If their tables don't match they have to discuss and choose the best solution.	Key vocabulary: Table, column, row, first, second, third, fourth, matter, physical properties, solid, liquid, gas, fixed volume, fixed shape, compressible, incompressible Communicative functions: Comparing and contrasting Agreeing and disagreeing Expressing an opinion Analysing	0 0 0 0	Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	<u>To be completed:</u> Table: <i>Activity3b</i> <u>To be used as</u> <u>resource:</u> - Completed table (<i>Activity 3a</i>) - List of the experiments already done - Schedules that students completed during the previous lab lessons - Sentence starters and language frames as in <i>Scaffolding</i> <i>activity 3b</i>	10'-15'	Students can complete a shared table. Peer assessment: Students compare their work and decide which is the correct table. The teacher records students' abilities: e.g. Student X can work in group to create a shared product (in this case to complete the "group" table); he is able to share his own work with the group and to defend his ideas. (Assessment sheet)
3с	Activating prior knowledge: Sharing of the group's work with the whole class	The speaker of each group presents the results to the whole class	Communicative functions: Analysing	0 0 0	Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	To be used as a resource: Completed table (<i>Activity3b</i>)	5-10'	Students know the differences and similarities between the phases of matter: they can answer questions such as "Can you tell us what the physical properties of solids/liquid/gases are? Use your table to answer".

4a	Creation of a binary key that is useful for classifying materials	Students are asked to create a binary key in order to classify materials as solids, liquids and gases; looking at their tables (<i>Activity</i> <i>3b</i>) they have to choose the useful criteria for a correct classification.	Key vocabulary: Binary key, arrow, rhombus, rectangle, table, matter, physical properties, solid, liquid, gas, fixed volume, fixed shape, compressible, uncompressible Communicative functions: Agreeing and disagreeing Expressing an opinion	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	To be created: Binary keyTo be used as resource: Completed table (Activity3b) Examples of binary keys used by the teacher in Activity 2 and projected on the IWB. Sentence starters and language frames as in Scaffolding activity 4a	15'	Students are able to choose correct criteria to classify. Students can create a binary key. The teacher records students' abilities: Student X can work in a group to create a shared product (in this case to create a shared binary key); he is able to defend his ideas. (Assessment sheet)
4b	Classification of materials: use of the binary keys just created to classify materials	Students are asked to split the group in two in order to work in pairs. Using their binary keys, learners are supposed to classify materials as solid, liquids and gases. They have to repeat the oral exercise twice: first one student asks the questions and the other answers; then they swap.	Communicative functions: Asking and answering questions Analysing and drawing conclusions Structures: Use of conditional 0		Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	To be completed:Worksheet of Activity4bTo be used asresource:Labelled images(Activity 4b)The binary keycreated duringActivity 4aSentence starters andlanguage frames as inScaffolding activity 4b	10'	Students can classify materials correctly; they can use a binary key. The teacher records students abilities: They can ask and answer questions correctly; they can draw conclusions using conditional 0. (<i>Assessment sheet</i>) The teacher records students abilities: Student X can ask and answer questions, he can use conditional 0. (<i>Assessment sheet</i>)

4c	Evaluation: Each group checks whether the binary key works or not.	Students work again in the original group. They are asked to compare their results and to summarise them in a short written text. If results don't match, students look over the binary key again.	Communicative functions: Asking and answering questions Comparing and contrasting Analysing and drawing conclusions Structures: Use of conditional 0	0 0 0 0	Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	<u>To be produced:</u> Table of <i>Activity 4c</i> Short text <u>To be used as</u> <u>resource:</u> The worksheet of <i>Activity 4b</i> The binary key built during <i>Activity 4a</i>	10'	Peer assessment: Students evaluate their classification and decide if their binary key works or not.
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4d	Plenary: Sharing of the group's work with the whole class. Students check if: - They have classified materials correctly; - Their tools are correct or not. Students discover that there are different binary keys that can be used to classify materials. Students realize that volume can be used instead of compressibility and vice versa.	The speaker of each group presents their results to the whole class. Students compare their work with the other groups'.	Communicative functions: Analysing and drawing conclusions Comparing and contrasting		Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	To be used as resource: Written text (Activity 4c) Labelled images of Activity 4b The binary key built during Activity 4a	10'	 Students can answer questions such as: "Steam is a solid, a liquid or a gas?" (skinny question: use it students answer looking at their work) "Why can you say that?" or "Let us look at your binary key, draw it on the blackboard. Can you tell us what the criteria you used to build it are?" (fat question: students have to analyse their work to answer) "Is your binary key the same as your group mates' one?" "Can you tell us why?" and "Is your key useful to identify a material as solid, liquid or gaseous at room temperature?" "Why?" (fat questions: students have to compare their tool with the others reasoning and analysing to draw conclusions)
5	Plenary: Problem solving	The teacher asks, "At the end of this work, what can we say to Maggie? What do you think is Nutella? A solid, a liquid or a gas?" Learners discuss briefly in their groups, then the speaker answers.	Communicative functions: Analysing and drawing conclusions	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	Whole class Group work Pair work Individual work	Text proposed by the teacher (<i>Activity 2</i>)	5'	Students can answer the question and identify Nutella as a liquid at room temperature.

Activity 2

	Can you help me?
	"Hello guys!! How are you? Till now, we worked on solids, liquids and gases and we studied what their shape is, if it is fixed or not, and if they have their own volume or not. Furthermore, we discovered whether they are compressible or not. Then we measured the volume of irregular objects and water.
	Now I know really a lotbutthis morning I was having my breakfast and some Nutella fell on the table.
	What is Nutella? A solid, a liquid or a gas?
to fall, fell = cadere	Help Maggie to find out what Nutella is.

Give your answer:

What is Maggie's problem?

How can we help Maggie?

Activity 3

Activity 3a

Do you know?

We can use a binary key to identify whether a material is a solid, a liquid or a gas.

Work alone. Complete the chart: you can look at the list of the experiments we have done.

	Does it have a	Which is the experiment that	Does it have a fixed	Which is the experiment that	Is it compressible?	Which is the experiment that
	fixed	helps you to	volume?	helps you to		helps you to
	shape?	answer?		answer?		answer?
Solid						
Liquid						
Gas						

List of the experiments we have done:

n	Title of the experiment	n	Title of the experiment
1	Is air able to slow down Maggie's spacecraft?	7	How much space does water occupy? Let's measure it!
2	Air needs space: "Are you sure? Is the tank empty?"	8	Does air have its own shape?
3	"How small is a millilitre"?	9	How much space does air occupy? Let's measure it!
4	Does the object that's in front of you have its own shape?	10	There are other units of measurements for volumes
5	How much space does your object occupy? Let's measure it!	11	Measure or calculate?
6	Does the water that's in front of you have its own shape?	12	Compressible or incompressible?

Activity 3b

Work in groups. Compare your work with your group-mates' work: are your charts all the same?

If not, look again at the experiments we have done and complete a new chart:

	Does it have a fixed shape?	Does it have a fixed volume?	Is it compressible?
Solid			
Liquid			
Gas			

Scaffolding activity 3b:

Students are asked to use the suggested sentences starters.

Scaffolding activity 3b: "Compare your work with your group-mates' one: are your charts all the same?"	Scaffolding activity 3b: "If not, look again at the experiments we have done and complete a new chart."
Language of comparing and contrasting	Language of expressing an opinion
What does your chart look like? (My chart) and (yours) are similar because they both show that (My chart) and (yours) are different. My chart shows thatwhile your diagram shows that	I think that because I believe that because In my opinion,
Language of agreeing	Language of analysing
I agree withbecause we both I don't agree with because	After the examination of our experiments we can deduce that

Scaffolding activity 3c:

When students present their work to the whole class, they are supposed to begin the description of their table with:

"After the examination of our experiments we can deduce that..."

Activity 4

Activity 4a

Work in groups: use the information on your chart and create a binary key to identify whether a material is a solid, a liquid or a gas. You can look at the binary keys that are on the LIM.

Activity 4b

Work in pairs: use your binary key and classify the materials on the table as solids, liquids or gases.

Repeat the exercise two times: first, you ask the questions and your friend answers; then you swap.



Activity 4c

1. Work in groups: Compare your table with the one of your group-mates. Do you have the same results?

If not, try to classify materials again and complete a shared table:

Material	It is a solid	It is a liquid	It is a gas
Balloon			
Hot air			
Basket			
Steam			
Teapot			
Cup			
Raindrop			
Sky			

Material	It is a solid	It is a liquid	It is a gas
Honey			
Wax			
Biscuit			
Ice cream			
Ice			
Lemonade			
Bubble			

2. Write a short text that explains why you have classified one of these materials as a solid, one as a liquid and one as a gas.

Use the suggested sentences starters:

If something has.....but it does not have....., it is, has but it does not have, so it is.....

If something doesn't havenor ait isit isit is

Activity 5

And now...what is Nutella?

Scaffolding activity 4a:

Students are asked to use the suggested sentences starters.

Use the information of your chart and create a binary key to identify whether a material is a solid, a liquid or a gas.	You can look at the binary keys that are on the LIM.	
<i>Language of agreeing and Language of expressing an opinion</i>	Example of binary key	
I agree withbecause		
I don't agree with because	That's a binary key!	
and	MAMMALS YES Is their body covered by hair?	
I think that because	facthers	
I believe that because		
In my opinion,	BIRDS VES Is their body covered by feathers? NO smooth skin	
	AMPHIBIANS	
	REPTILES VES lis their body covered by scales weilded together? NO	
	FISH	
	What is that?	

Scaffolding activity 4b:

