

# Properties



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# Glossary

**balance** a tool for measuring mass

**float** to stay on top of a liquid

**gas** matter that has no shape of its own.  
Air is made of gases.

**liquid** matter that flows and takes  
the shape of its container

**magnet** a material that pulls iron or steel

**mass** how much matter is in something

**matter** anything that takes up space  
and has mass

**properties** how something looks, smells,  
tastes, feels, or sounds

**senses** what you use to find out about things;  
seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, smelling

**sink** to fall to the bottom of a liquid

**solid** matter that has a shape of its own

