

Materials and Changing State Writing Tasks

Report - The Three States of Matter

Having discovered that three different states of matter exist on Planet Earth, you have been asked to write a report explaining what they are. Remember the different descriptions given to you by Sqwag:

- *Solids feel hard and have a definite shape to them*
- *Liquids don't have a shape – they slosh about all over the place, and they feel wet when you stick your finger in them.*
- *You can't see or feel gasses and they can spread out over big areas. But here's a clue - sometimes, you can smell them.*

You might include:

- examples of the different samples you collected during your visit
- a special 'Squidge perspective': you actually got inside some of the different materials. What did that feel like?
- a glossary to explain technical vocabulary

Remember:

- a clear layout

Character Description - Squidge Portrait

Jessica and Dylan are trying to describe what a Squidge is like to their friends. Can you help them by reminding them of a few key features?

You might include:

- what you are made from
- where you come from and how you survive
- a description of your superpowers

Remember:

- powerful adjectives and adverbs

- label any drawings and diagrams clearly

Interview / Role Play - Aliens have landed!

Jessica and Dylan were key eye-witnesses of the Squidge invasion and they have been invited to give an interview on TV News. Create a list of questions for the reporter to ask to find out more details of what they witnessed.

You might include:

- theme music for your tv channel

Remember:

- to ask open questions, starting with *who/what where/when and how*.

Once you have created a list of questions create a role-play with Jessica or Dylan in the hot seat.

Recount Writing - Wow! What a day!

Write a recount of your visit. What were the most exciting or scary moments? Was it when your little brother was taken by Dylan? Or when you fell into the kettle or got stuck on the birthday cake? Choose one or two of your most memorable moments to describe. How did you use your superpowers to get you out of danger? How did it feel to be able to get inside different objects?

You might include:

- the impact on your different senses: what could you see/hear/feel/smell?

Remember:

- time connectives and the past tense
- describe how you felt as well as what you did

Shape Poem

Squidges have a special power of being able to change shape and change size. Imagine you could become any shape or size you wanted, what object would you become or try to get inside? Create a shape poem to describe your chosen solid, liquid or gas. Think creatively about how you would present your poem to reflect its state of matter.

You might include:

- sights and sounds
- how it felt to exist inside a solid, liquid or gas

Remember:

- Use powerful adjectives, similes and metaphors to describe your transformation