

Three States of Water

Water is an abundant substance on Earth. It can be found as a solid, a liquid, and as a gas called water vapor.

1. How many words can you think of to describe solid water?
2. Where is most of the liquid water on Earth found? Where is most of the water vapor found?
3. Describe a natural event you have observed when water changed from a liquid to a solid? When water changed from a liquid to a vapor?

ANSWERS

1. Student answers may include forms such as ice, sleet, snow, or hail or formations such as glaciers, icebergs, and ice caps.
2. Most liquid water is found in oceans (which cover 71% of Earth's surface). Water vapor is found in Earth's atmosphere.
3. Student answers may include a pond freezing over or water evaporating from a puddle.