

Matter vs. Not Matter

Can you recognize matter when you see it? What makes matter different from that which is not matter? A light bulb, for example, is matter. The electricity that makes it glow is not. What is the difference? All matter has certain characteristics in common that separate it from whatever is not matter. Can you tell which is which? Get together with your lab group and try. You will be given a card with a list of six items. Three are matter and three are not.

1. Try to classify the items on the card properly. Write your conclusions in the table below.

<i>MATTER</i>	<i>NOT MATTER</i>

2. Describe the characteristics all the items you classified as *MATTER* have in common that make them different from the items you classified as *NOT MATTER*.
