Vocabulary Cards

colour	 n. the property possessed by an object of producing different sensations on the eye as a result of the way it reflects or emits light. "The rainbow has seven colours".
compress	 v. 1. flatten by pressure; force into less space. 2. squeeze or press (two things) together. "Air will compress when the space available is reduced".
density	 n. 1. the degree of compactness of a substance; mass per unit volume. 2. the quantity of people or things in a given area or space. "Salt water has a greater density than fresh water".

elasticity	n . the property of returning to an initial form or state following stretching. " <i>A balloon is elastic"</i>
expand	v. make or become larger or more extensive. " The air will expand when the space available increases".
flexibility	n. the property of bending easily without breaking. " Your clothes and paper are flexible materials".

hardness	 n. the property of being solid, firm, and rigid; not easily broken, bent, or pierced. * A diamond is much harder than a rock".
loose	adj. not firmly or tightly fixed in place; not fitting tightly or closely. " If your belt is loose, your trousers will fall down".
mass	n. the quantity of matter which a body contains. " The greater the mass of an object, the more it weighs on a scale".

material	n. the substance or substances out of which a thing is or can be made. "Wood is a natural material, but paper is an artificial one".
matter	 n. something that has mass and takes up space, and exists as a solid, liquid, or gas. "A person, a book, and lemonade are made of matter".
measure	 v. determine the size, amount, or degree of (something) by comparison with a standard unit. "We measure the volume of a liquid in liters".

mixture	 n. 1 a substance made by mixing other substances together. 2 (a mixture of) a combination of different things in which the components are individually distinct. "Lemonade is a mixture of lemon juice, sugar, and water".
property	 n. An essential or distinctive characteristic or quality of a thing: <i>the chemical and physical properties of an element.</i> "Elasticity is a property of rubber".
shape	 n. the external form or appearance of someone or something. "Liquids take the shape of their container".

standard unit	 n. an agreed system for measuring: grams, meters, or liters are standard units. "The standard unit to measure the weight of an object is the gram".
stretch	 v. (of something soft or elastic) be made or be able to be made longer or wider without tearing or breaking. "If you stretch an elastic band it won't break".
take up	v. occupy time, space, or attention. "A dining table takes up a lot of space in your living room".

tight	adj. fixed, closed, or fastened firmly. "If your trousers are very tight you might get a tummy ache".
volume	 n. the amount of space occupied by a substance or object or enclosed within a container. "We measure volume in cubic meters".