

# Material Science Introduction — Demo Worksheet

## Instruction

Use this worksheet to organize your answers to questions during the material science demonstration. Please fill in the blanks and answer questions as the demonstration is conducted.

## Observations

1. Indicate the correct material class for each material listed:

- |       |                       |              |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------|
| _____ | <b>tile</b>           | A. metal     |
| _____ | <b>Popsicle stick</b> | B. ceramic   |
| _____ | <b>plastic bag</b>    | C. composite |
| _____ | <b>paper clip</b>     | D. polymer   |

2. Circle the type of deformation for each material. Write a brief description of the selected deformation.

**tile:**                      elastic                      plastic

*Description:*

**Popsicle stick:**                      elastic                      plastic

*Description:*

**paper clip:**                      elastic                      plastic

*Description:*

**plastic bag:**                      elastic                      plastic

*Description:*

3. Describe the failure of each material. Include deformation observations and failure features.

**tile:**

**Popsicle stick:**

**paper clip:**

**plastic bag:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Characterize each material failure as either *brittle* or *ductile*. Circle your answers.

- **tile:**                      brittle                      ductile
- **Popsicle stick:**        brittle                      ductile
- **paper clip:**            brittle                      ductile
- **plastic bag:**            brittle                      ductile

### Questions

5. What are the differences between metals and ceramics when subjected to force?  
Explain the differences in two sentences.

6. What similarities do polymers and metals have when subjected to a force?  
Explain the differences in two sentences.

7. Why would a metal be preferred as a bridge building material as opposed to a ceramic material?