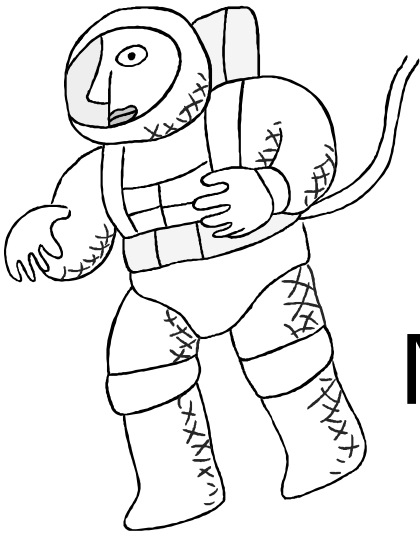


Forces

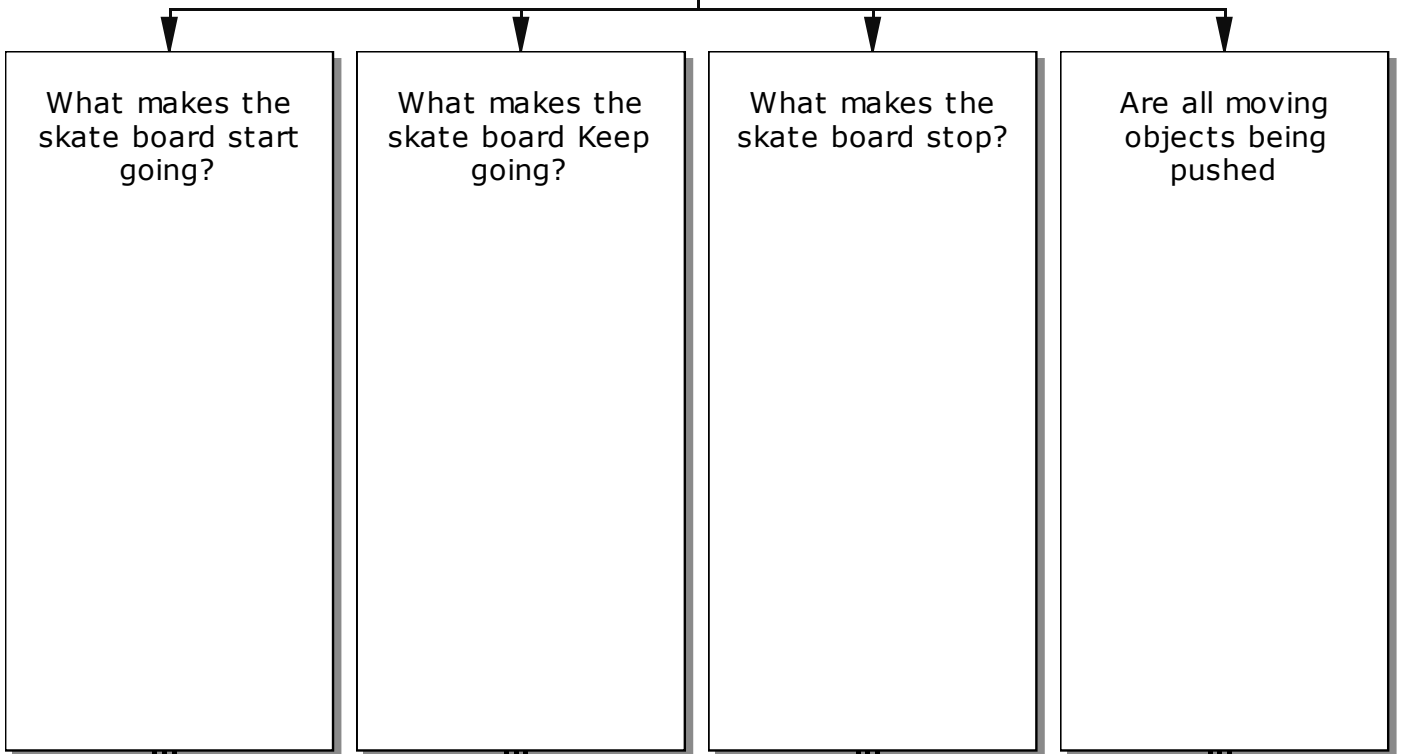


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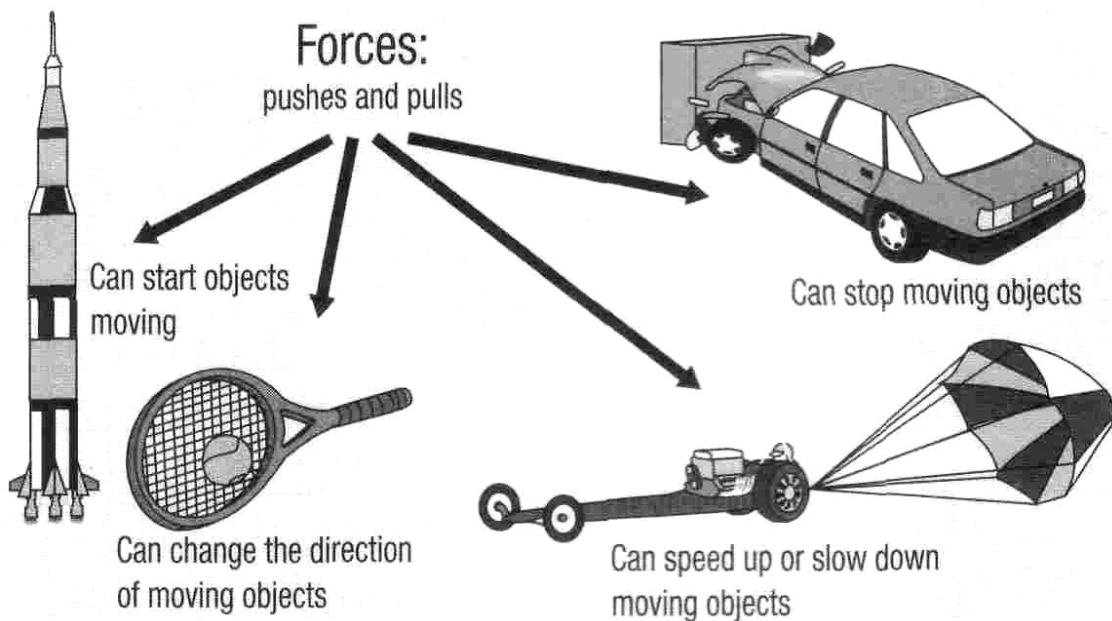


A skate board is given a push



Concept:

A Force can be defined as a push or a pull



Whenever you push, pull, twist or turn something you are exerting a force. A force can start a stationary object moving, or cause a moving object to come to rest or change its direction or speed. Forces can also change the shape of objects. Throwing a ball, riding a bike, walking, dressing and chewing all involve pushes, pulls, twists or turns.

There are many types of forces but they can be divided into two groups, **contact** forces and **non-contact** (or field) forces. Contact forces are exerted when objects actually touch one another. Examples of contact forces include:

- Tension (the force in a rope during a tug of war)
- Upthrust or buoyancy (the force that pushes back on gravity when an object floats)
- Friction (the force between the road and the tyres of a car).

Non-contact forces can have an effect without objects touching. They can act from a distance. Examples of non-contact forces include:

- Gravity (a pulling force between all matter)
- Magnetic force (a force which can pull or push magnetic materials)
- Electrostatic force (a force which can pull or push charged materials).

Experiment: Measuring forces

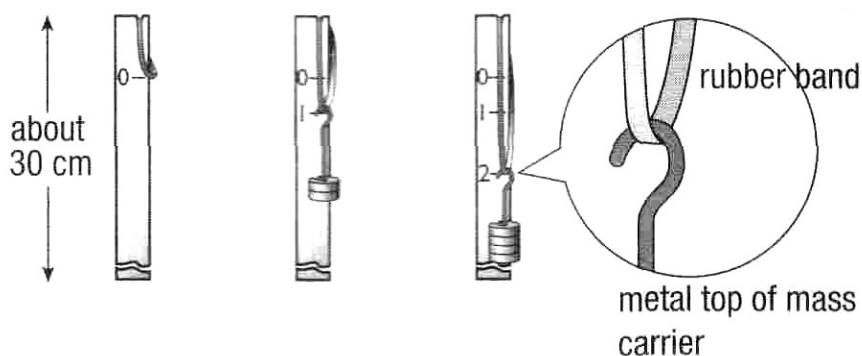
Aim: To make and use a force meter using a rubber band and masses.

Materials:

- A thin strip of timber or a ruler
- a mass carrier
- masses

Method:

1. Take a 30 cm piece of thin timber *and calibrate* it as shown in figure below.



2. Make a small groove on top of the timber. Attach the rubber band to the groove and hang 100 g mass to the rubber band.
3. Note how far the rubber band stretches when 100 g is attached—that amount of stretch shows the force (1 N) needed to pull an object weighing 100 g. Remember 100 g = 1 N. Complete the scale up to 5 N.
4. Use the force meter to measure the size of the following forces:
 - force needed to pull the door open
 - force needed to drag a chair across the floor
 - force needed to open a drawer in the laboratory
 - force needed to move your pencil case
 - force needed to pull up your sock.

Results:

Objects measured	Force required (N)
Open the door to the room	
Drag a chair across the floor	
Open a drawer in the laboratory	
Move your pencil case	

Discussion:

1. Which of the actions needed:
 - a. More force?

- b. Less force?

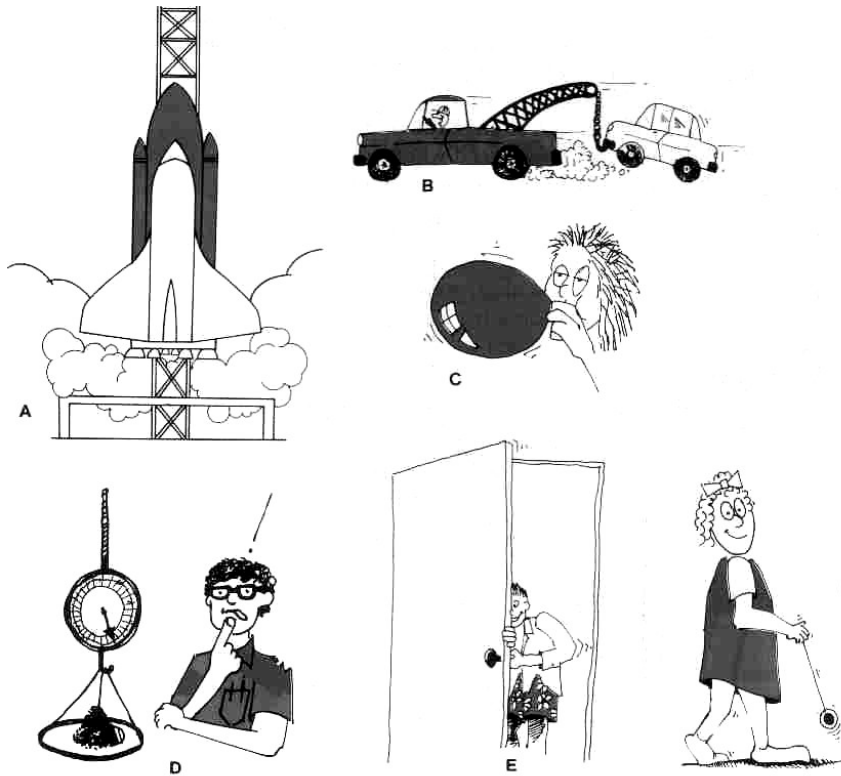
2. Did you experience any problems during your experiment?

3. If so, explain how you would improve the construction of the force meter.

Conclusion: *(Summarise how you constructed and used the force meter)*

Question

1. Look at the diagrams below. Which show a push, and which show a pull?



Picture	Push/Pull
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	

2.

Rank these forces in order, from biggest to smallest: 1 to 5	
Truck hitting a pole	
<i>Rocket being launched</i>	
<i>Typing a letter on a computer keyboard</i>	
Kicking a soccer ball	
Pushing a car along the street	

3. State which of the following actions involve push force, pull force or no force.

Actions	Push, pull or no force
Opening a window	
Turning a screw a with a screw driver	
Smelling food cooking	
Moulding clay in an art lesson	
Hitting the enter key on a computer keyboard	
Standing on a diving board	
Watching a candle burn	
Throwing a ball	
Turning a page in a book	

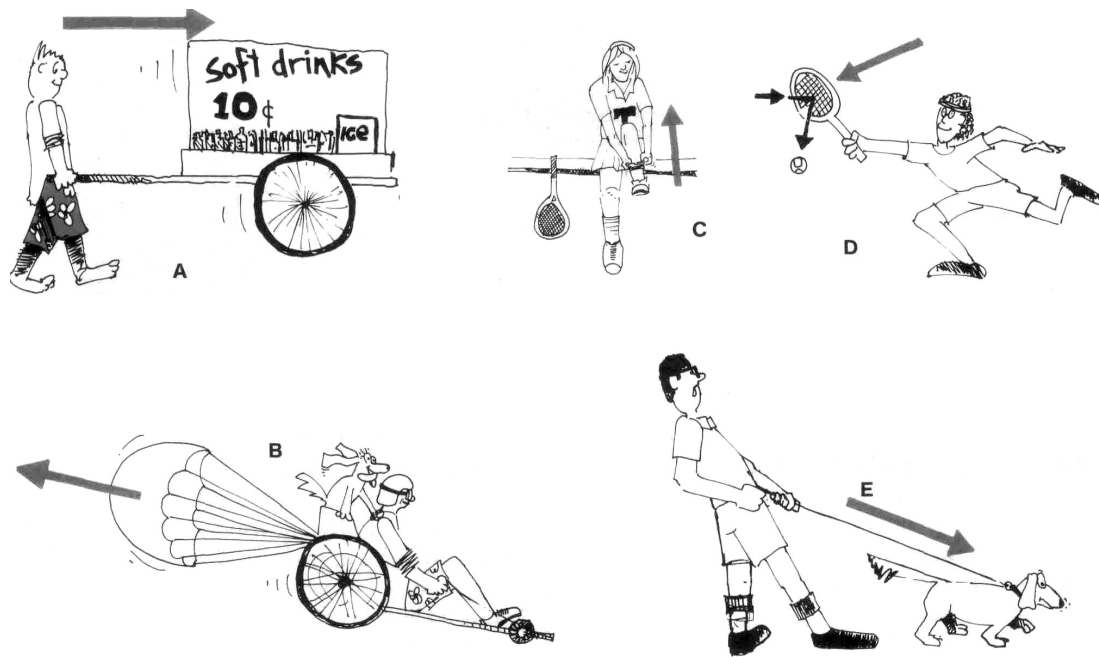
4. Complete the sentences below. Choose from these words:

- (a) A force is a _____ or a _____
- (b) When you close a door, you _____
- (c) When you lift something, you _____
- (d) Force can make things _____
- (e) A force can also make moving things change _____

DIRECTION PULL MOVE PUSH

5. The figure to below shows some forces in action. The forces are shown with arrows. For each picture:

- (a) Name the object that the force acts on; eg. in A, the force acts on the cart.



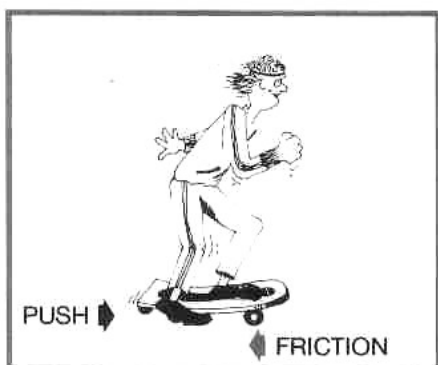
(b) Choose from the list below to say what the force is doing.

What the force is doing	Object (A,B,C,D,E)
starting an object moving	
stopping an object that is moving	
changing the direction of movement	
balancing another force, and preventing movement	
stretching an object	

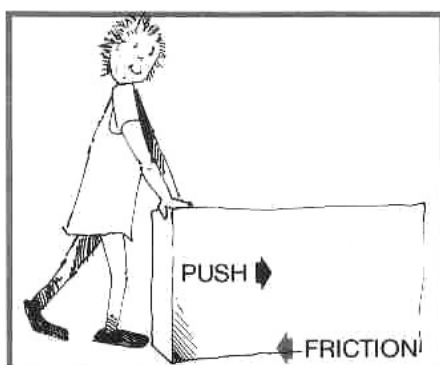
Contact Forces

Concept:

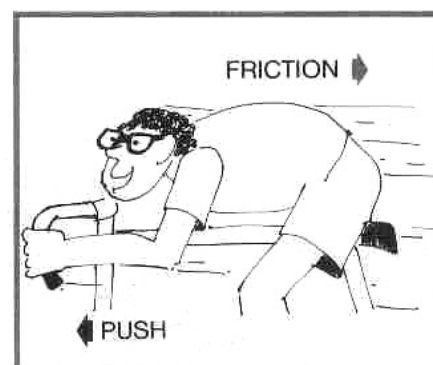
Friction is a force that slows down or prevents movement.



Rolling friction.



Sliding friction.



Fluid friction.

Friction is the force applied to the surface of an object when it moves against the surface of another object. Both surfaces do not have to be moving. Friction acts where the surfaces touch. Friction can slow down an object or stop it from moving. Friction limits how fast you can go. Rough surfaces produce more friction than smooth ones. To slow down quickly on roller blades you need to use a stopper so that there is more friction. If there was no friction, you would not even be able to start moving forward. However, if there was too much friction, it would take too much effort to keep moving.

Experiment: Measuring Friction

Aim: To measure the force of friction on different surfaces.

Materials:

- block of wood with hook attached
- your force meter

Method:

1. Use your force meter to push a block of wood across your desktop. As long as you push steadily, the reading on the force meter will be equal to the force of friction on the moving block. Record your reading in the results table.
2. Repeat your measurement two more times on the desktop and calculate the average force of friction. Record all data in the table.
3. Repeat this procedure on several other surfaces. Surfaces that you might test are: vinyl floor, carpet, doormat, concrete and bitumen.

Results:

Friction on different surfaces				
Surface	Force of friction (Newton)			
	Trial			
	1	2	3	Average



Summarise your results in a bar graph



Discussion:

1. List the surfaces in order, from greatest friction force to least

2. What feature of a surface seems to determine the amount of friction?

3. Why was it a good idea to repeat each measurement three times?

4. Design and carry out an experiment to find out the effect of mass on the size of the friction force. Record your results in a table and display them on a line graph.

5. Do heavier objects experience more friction?

Conclusion: *(Relate the aim and the concept of friction)*

Question

1. What sort of friction (sliding, rolling or fluid) occurs in the following situations?

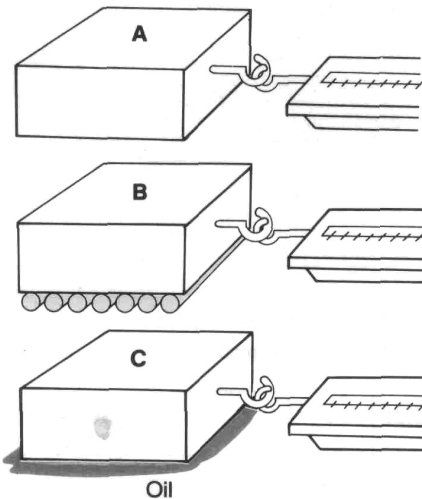
- (a) A man pushes a cupboard across the floor. _____
- (b) A bowling ball moves down a bowling alley. _____
- (c) The Space Shuttle re-enters the Earth's atmosphere. _____
- (d) Kurt rides his skateboard. _____
- (e) A surfer waxes her board, then goes surfing. _____

2. In rainy weather the radio sometimes announces that there is a wet weather alert. Why do motorists have to be careful when the roads are wet?

3. Why do cars that travel in snow have to carry chains that fit around the tyres?

4. Why don't bicycle hand brakes work as well when it rains?

5. Look at the diagrams below. Complete the sentences by circling the correct word.



- (a) Diagram A shows (sliding/rolling) friction.
- (b) The friction in B is (more/less) than in A.
- (c) Rolling friction is (greater/less) than sliding friction.
- (d) When an object slides, there is (more/less) resistance to movement than when it rolls.
- (e) With lubrication (Diagram C) you need (more/less) force to move an object.
- (f) Lubrication (increases/decreases) friction.

6. Copy and complete the paragraph below, choosing from these words to fill the gaps.

Things move more easily along a _____ surface than a _____ surface. This is because of friction. It happens when one surface _____ on another. Rough surfaces like _____ make _____ friction than smooth surfaces like _____

CARPET
FORCE
ROUGH
MORE
GLASS
RUBS
SMOOTH
LESS

Buoyancy

Archimedes' Principle after the person who first stated it.

Concept:

The upward force is called the buoyant force or up-thrust because it acts upwards against the weight of the object.

Experiment: Feeling the force of water

AIM: To feel the force that water exerts on objects.

MATERIALS:

- balloon
- basin or bucket big enough to contain
- the inflated balloon

METHOD

1. Blow up the balloon and tie off the neck.
2. Half-fill the basin with water. Place the balloon on the surface of the water so it floats.
3. Try to push the balloon into the water so that it is completely submerged.

DISCUSSION

1. How much of the balloon was above the surface of the water when it was floating?

2. What was resisting you when you tried to push the balloon completely under the water?

3. What happened to the level of the water in the bucket as you pushed the balloon further down?

Why do you feel almost 'weightless' when swimming in water? What we feel as an up wards 'push' is called **buoyancy**. This buoyancy is greater in water than in air because water is denser than air. Saltwater has a higher density than fresh water so the buoyancy effect is greater and you float better, or feel more buoyant, in salt water. Aquatic animals can easily swim around in water but some are crushed by their own weight on land. For example, jellyfish float in seawater but are flattened when stranded on the beach.

Surface tension is what keeps a water strider from sinking and drowning. The small weight of the water strider is well spread out over the surface and is not large enough to push the water particles apart.

Concept:

Surface Tension is the pulling of particles in a liquid together

Experiment: Holding It All Together

- Materials:** Coin
 Eyedropper
 Beaker
 Dishwashing detergent•

Method:

1. Estimate how many drops of water you could get onto a 5-cent coin without water spilling over the edge. With great care and from a very small height, test your prediction with an eyedropper.
2. Repeat your test using water from a small beaker with a few drops of dishwashing detergent added to it.

Results:

Prediction =

	Trail 1	Trail 3	Trail 3	Average
Number of drops with water				
Number of drops with Dishwashing detergent				

DISCUSSION

1. What difference does the detergent make to your result?

2. Were you surprised by your results?

3. What seems to keep the water on the coin?

Non-Contact Forces

Concept:

Like poles repel Unlike poles attract



Experiment: Magnetic forces

Aim:

1. To test which materials *are* magnetic and non-magnetic?
2. To test forces between two bar magnets.

Materials: Copper, paper, lead, rubber, wood, steel, magnesium, aluminium, plastic, zinc, paperclip, iron nail, 2 bar magnets, string, retort stand and a clamp.

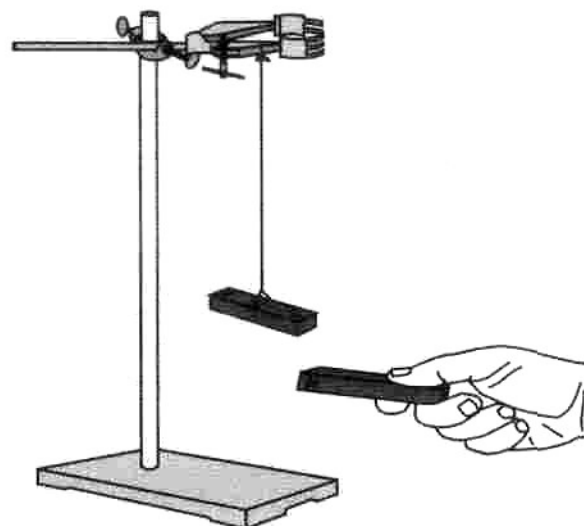
Method:

Part 1—Magnetic or non-magnetic?

1. Place the materials given to you on a small tray. Take a bar magnet and test each material to see if it is attracted by both ends and the middle of the magnet.
2. Record your results in table 1.

Part 2—Testing forces between magnets

1. Use a string to suspend a bar magnet from the retort stand. Take the north pole of the free magnet near the north pole of the suspended magnet and see what happens.
2. Repeat this procedure with the south poles.
3. Repeat this procedure with two unlike poles.
4. Record your results in table 2.



Results:

Table 1—Magnetic and non-magnetic (place a tick in the relevant column)

Material	Attracted	Not attracted
<i>Copper</i>		
Magnesium		
Paper		
Zinc		
Lead		
Aluminium		
Rubber		
Plastic		
Wood		
Paper clip		
Steel		
Iron nail		

Table 2—Forces between magnets

Poles tested	Attracted or repelled
N-S	
S-N	
N-N	
S-S	

Discussion:

1. Which *materials* were magnetic?

2. Which materials were non-magnetic?

3. Which part of the magnet was strongest in attracting materials?

Conclusion: (Complete the following statements)

1. _____ substances are attracted to a magnet and _____ substances are not.
2. Like magnetic poles _____ each other and unlike magnetic poles _____

Magnetic forces affect only those materials that contain *iron, nickel or cobalt*. Alloys that contain these metals, e.g. steel, are also affected. Magnets are made of materials that contain one or more of these metals.

You will have found that the ends of a magnet are more magnetic than the middle. These are the **poles** of the magnet. If you suspend a magnet it always points north-south. The end that points north is called the north pole. The other end is called the south pole.

If the north poles of two magnets are placed near each other, they will *repel* each other. Similarly for two south poles. On the other hand, the north pole of one magnet will *attract* the south pole of another magnet.

Concept:

Magnets are made of iron, nickel or cobalt

Magnetic material are attracted to a magnets

Question

1. Complete the sentences below.
 - a. A substance which is attracted to a magnet is said to be _____
 - b. A magnet can exert a _____ on a piece of iron without touching it.
 - c. Magnets can be made of _____ or _____ or _____
 - d. All magnets have two _____
 - e. One end of a magnet is called the _____. The other end is called the _____
 - f. _____.
 - g. Two south poles or two north poles are called _____.
 - h. When two magnets push each other apart we say they _____
 - i. Like poles _____, and _____ poles repel.

2. Use the words magnetic and non-magnetic to explain why a mixture of steel and brass screws can be separated using a magnet.

3. Are these statements true or false?

Statement	True/false
Any metal object can be picked up by a magnet.	
A magnet is strongest at its middle.	
A north pole will attract a south pole.	
Like poles attract each other.	
As you move away from a magnet the magnetic force decreases.	

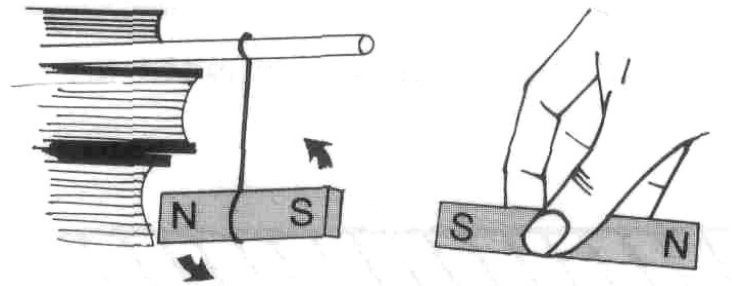
4. A piece of iron is magnetic but it may not be a magnet. What does this mean?

5. Complete the table below, by writing 'repel' or 'attract' to say what happens when the poles meet.

	NORTH	SOUTH
NORTH		
SOUTH		

6. Look the figure below and then answer the question by circling the correct answer.

a. The hand in the figure is holding the south pole close to the (north/south) pole of the hanging magnet.



b. The poles that are close together are (like/unlike). The poles will (attract/repel).

Experiment: Making An Electromagnet

Aim: To make an electromagnet, and investigate how it can be made stronger.

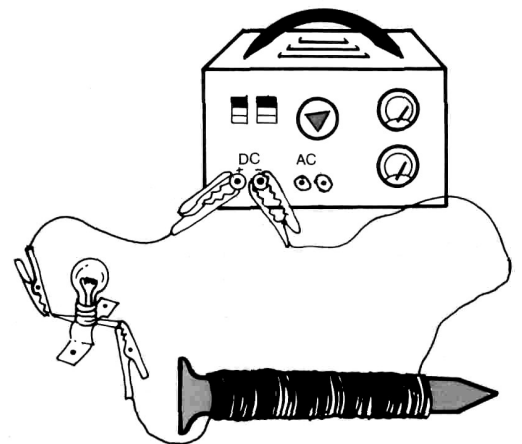
Materials

- a small compass
- a large nail (about 8 cm long)
- 2 thin, insulated wires with fitted alligator clips (one wire about 1 m long, and the other about 30 cm)
- a 6 V torch bulb and holder
- a power supply
- a box of paperclips

Method

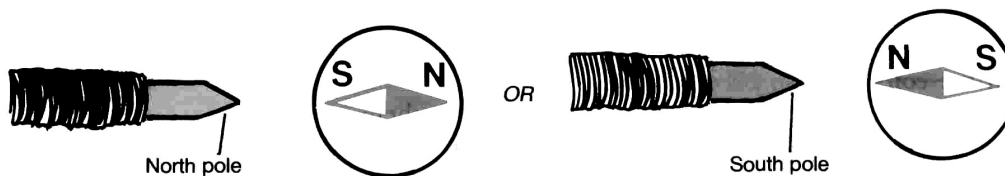
- Wrap about 20 turns of wire around the large nail.
- Use the wires to connect the nail to a power supply, through a 6 V bulb, as shown in the figure below. (The bulb stops the fuse in the power supply from 'blowing'.)
- Set the power supply to 2 volts DC. Turn it on.

- Has the nail been magnetised? That is, will it pick up tacks? How many?



- What happens when you turn off the power supply?

- Turn the magnet on again, and bring a small compass near the sharp end of the nail. Use the figure below to decide whether the sharp end of the electromagnet is a north pole or a south pole.



5. Test the other end of the electromagnet.
6. Reverse the connections to the power supply.
7. Test the information in the results tables.

Result:

Number of turns	Number of paper clips
10	
20	
30	
40	
50	
60	
Voltage	Number of paper clips
A (2 V)	
B (4 V)	
C (6 V)	
D (8 V)	
E (10 V)	
F (12 V)	

Questions and conclusions

1. Why is an electromagnet called a 'temporary magnet'?

2. How can the poles of the electromagnet be reversed?

3. List two ways of increasing the strength of an electromagnet.

Question

1. The data table below shows the results of some experiments. The twelve electromagnets are all different, but their cores are the same size. You can tell how strong each electromagnet is by the number of paperclips it lifts. When the electricity is switched off, the paperclips drop from the iron-cored electromagnets, but not from the steel-cored ones.

Electromagnet	Core Material	Number of turns in	Voltage (volts)	Number of paper clips
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		coil		lifted
1	iron	10	2	2
2	iron	20	1	3
3	iron	20	2	4
4	iron	20	3	10
5	iron	20	4	17
6	iron	20	5	22
7	iron	20	6	26
8	iron	20	7	28
9	iron	20	8	28
10	iron	30	2	6
11	steel	20	3	7
12	steel	30	2	5

a. How can you tell how strong each electromagnet is?

b. Write down *three* things that could affect the strength of an electromagnet.

c. Which electromagnets would allow you to find out how the strength depends on the voltage?

d. Draw and complete the graph on the left for iron-cored electromagnets with *20 turns* in the coil. Is it true that *the higher the voltage, the stronger the electromagnet?*

e. If you wanted to find out how the number of turns affects the strength, which three magnets would you compare? Why did you choose them? How *does* the number of turns affect the strength?

f. Iron is a better core material than steel. Give one reason why.

Concept:

- Unlike charges attract
- Like charges repel
- Charged object attracts an uncharged object

Experiment: Investigating electrostatic charges

Aim: To produce static electricity.

Materials: A balloon, a Perspex rod, pieces of wool and silk, small pieces of paper and running tap water.

Method:

Caution: do not put the charged rod near anyone's face or eyes.

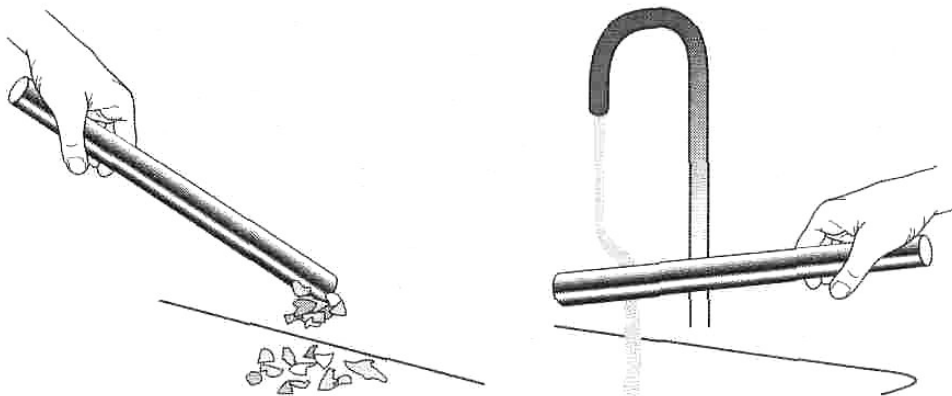
1 Blow into the balloon and tie off the end when it is inflated with air. Rub the balloon with a piece of wool and release it near a wall. Observe what happens.

1 Rub the balloon over a friend's hair and observe what happens.

2 Take the charged balloon near small pieces of paper and observe what happens

4 Take the charged balloon near running tap water and observe what happens.

5 Repeat the above steps with a perspex rod rubbed with wool.



Results: Record your results in the table—put a tick if it is attracted.

Objects tested	Charged balloon	Charged perspex rod
Wall		
Paper		
Hair		
Water		

Discussion:

1. Which objects did a charged *balloon attract*?

2. Why did the *balloon stick to the wall*?

3. What *happened when* a charged perspex rod was taken *near paper, hair and water*?

Conclusion: How did you create static electricity in this experiment?

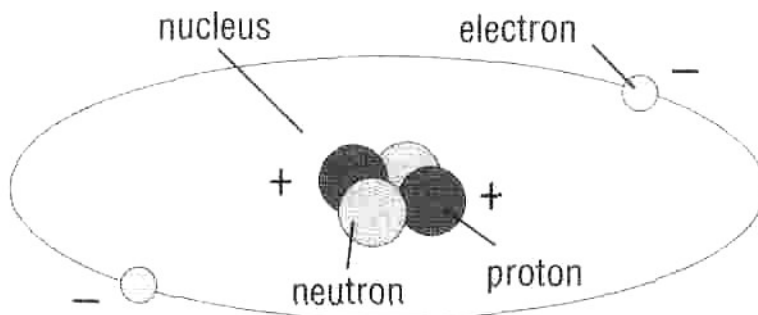
Static electricity is produced by friction when materials are rubbed together. The study of static electricity is called **electrostatics**.

Types of charges

All matter is made up of small particles called **atoms**. Atoms are made of smaller particles called electrons, neutrons and protons. **Protons** and **neutrons** are found in the **nucleus** (centre) of the atom. **Electrons** are smaller in size and move around the nucleus at high speed.

- Electrons have negative charge.
- Protons have positive charge.
- Neutrons have no charge.

Neutral atoms have equal numbers of electrons and protons. Rubbing can tear electrons from certain atoms and they become **positively charged**. Other atoms gain electrons and become **negatively charged**.



Complete the following:

Atoms are made of particles called _____, neutrons and _____, Protons and _____ are found in the _____ of the atom. _____ are _____ in size and move around the _____ at high speed.

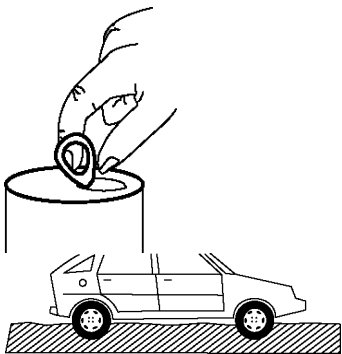
Electrons have _____ charge, protons have _____ charge and neutrons have _____ charge. A charged object has an _____ force _____ around it and other objects will be attracted or _____.

Electrical
Electrons
No
Field
Negative
Protons
Neutrons
Nucleus
Smaller
Nucleus
Positive
repelled
Electrons

Question

1. Look at the pictures below. For each picture, complete the two sentences to describe the forces that are occurring. The words in the box below will help you complete the first sentence for each picture.

friction gravity
buoyant force (upthrust) mechanical

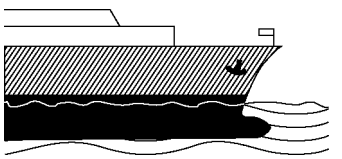


The type of force is _____ .
It is acting between the _____ and the _____ .

The type of force is _____ .
It is acting between the _____ and the _____ .



The type of force is _____ .
It is acting between the _____ and the _____ .



The type of force is _____ .
It is acting between the _____ and the _____ .

2. Draw arrows to show the direction of the forces acting in each of the pictures above. Label each arrow with the name of the force.
3. Choose words from the box to complete the sentences.

energy build up pull magnet start energy stopped attract
repel

Force is the general name for a push, a _____ or a twist.

Forces can _____, stop or change the direction of an object.

Forces give _____ to objects.

Motion cannot be started, altered or _____ except by a force.

Electricity is _____ that results from the movement of electrons.

When electrons gather together in one place a _____ of static electricity occurs.

A _____ is an object that is able to attract magnetic material.

Like poles _____ and opposite poles _____.

4. Choose a word from the box to complete the sentences below. You may use a word more than once.

poles north magnetic metals repel lines magnetism

Magnets point to the _____ pole if you hang them from a string.

Heating a magnet destroys its _____.

Planes and large ships use _____ compasses for navigation.

A magnetometer is a sensitive magnet that finds _____ underground.

_____ resonance imaging (MRI) is used to find out what is wrong with sick people.

Like poles _____ and unlike (different) poles attract.

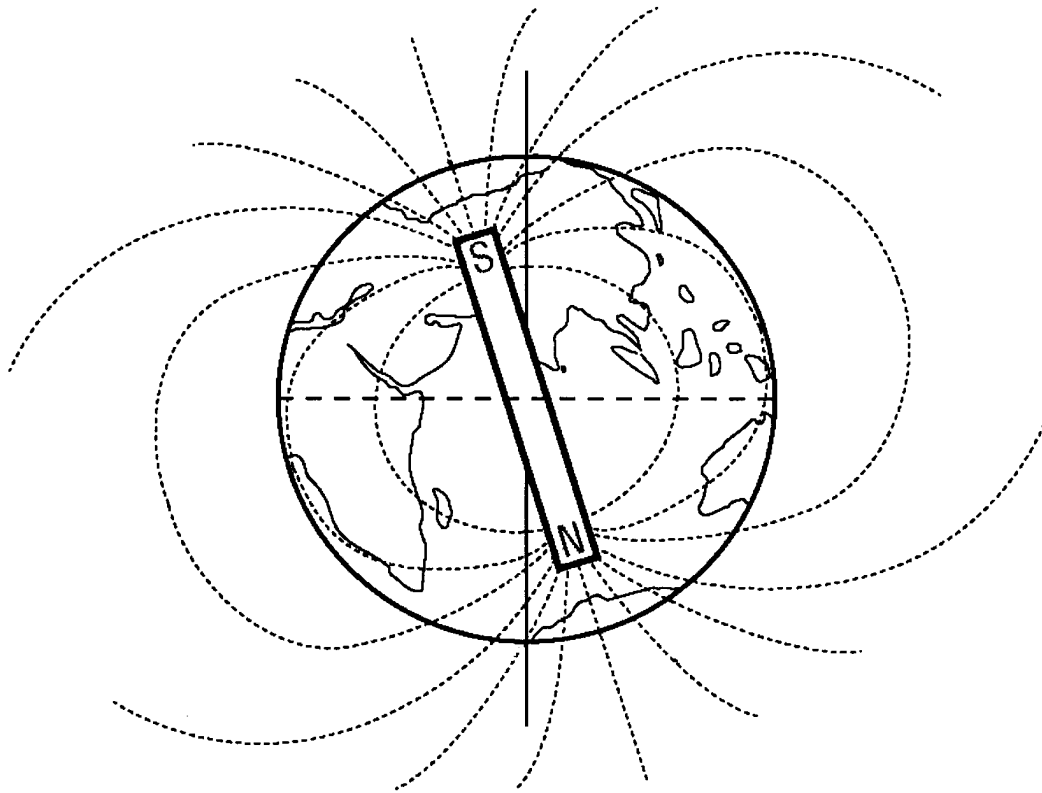
The magnetic north pole of the Earth attracts the _____ pole of a compass.

The magnetic field of a magnet is strongest near the _____ of a magnet.

Magnetic field _____ can be used to represent a magnetic field.

2 Add the following labels in the correct places on the diagram below.

geographic north pole geographic south pole magnetic north pole
magnetic south pole north-seeking pole of magnet south-seeking pole of magnet



3 Cross out the wrong word in each sentence.

- a. North and south poles attract/repel.
- b. Two south poles attract/repel.
- c. Two north poles attract/repel.

4 You are given three similar painted metal rods, one made of copper, one of soft iron and one a permanent magnet. Describe how you could distinguish between the three rods without using any other equipment. (Note: copper cannot be magnetised.)

Concept:

The gravitational attraction between two objects depends on their masses. The bigger the mass, the stronger the gravitational Force.

Everything made of matter is affected by the pull of **gravity**. All matter on or near the Earth is attracted to the Earth. In fact, all bits of matter attract each other. Sir Isaac Newton discovered this in the seventeenth century.

Gravitational forces exist between objects even when they are not touching. For example, there is a gravitational force between the Earth and the moon. This keeps the moon in place. Similarly, a gravitational force keeps satellites in orbit around the Earth. The Earth itself is kept in orbit around the sun by a gravitational force. So are all the other planets.

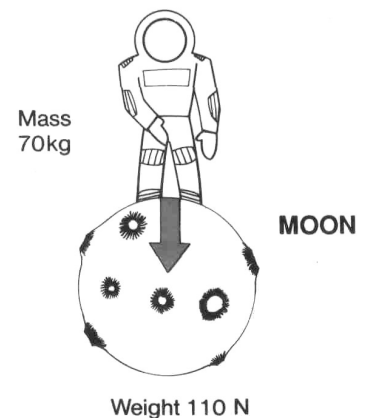
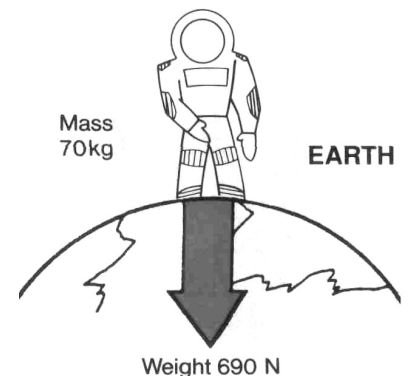


Concept:

Mass and weight are not the same.

Mass is the quantity of matter in an object. It is measured in grams or kilograms. **Weight** is a force — measured with a spring balance. It is the downward force of gravity. Because it is a force, weight is measured in newtons (N).

The scales of weighing machines are usually marked in mass units (kilograms). This is why most people think mass and weight are the same, even though they aren't. When you weigh yourself, you are measuring the pull of gravity on you. And this is a force, not a mass. The moon has less mass than the Earth. So the moon would not attract you as strongly as the Earth does. This is why gravity is less on the moon than it is on Earth. Your mass does not change, but your weight does. You can jump higher on the moon, and you don't come down as quickly as you would on Earth.



Question

1. Match these weights with the correct object.

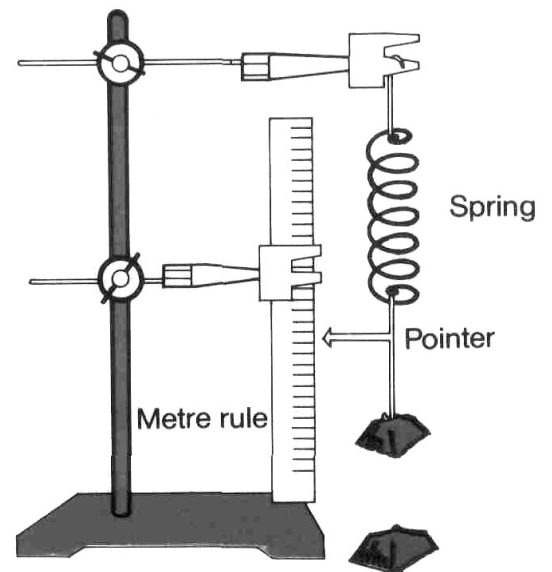
1 N	a 5 litre can of petrol
50 N	the Guinness Book of Records
450 N	an apple
10 N	you

2. Are the following statements true or false?

Statement	True/False
Mass and weight are the same.	
Weight depends on gravity.	
Mass depends on gravity.	
Objects are light when gravity is weak	
An astronaut has the same mass on the moon as on Earth.	
An astronaut weighs the same on the moon as on Earth.	
The moon's gravity is stronger than the Earth's gravity.	
Gravity only affects heavy things.	

3. Look at the figure below. Circle the correct word to complete these sentences in your notebook.

- The force of gravity is a (push/pull).
- A force pulls the spring (up/down).
- The heavier the object, the (less/greater) the force.
- The stronger the force, the (more/less) the spring stretches.
- A 10 N weight is a (stronger/weaker) force than a 20 N weight.
- A 20 N force stretches the spring (twice as much/half as much) as a 10 N force.



Find each of the following words.

ATTRACT
POSITIVE
CHARGE
CONTACT
REPEL
MASS

PROTON
ELECTROMAGNET
FORCE
FRICTION
PUSH
NEGATIVE

SOUTH
MAGNET
WEIGHT
ELECTROSTATIC
NORTH
ELECTRON

NEWTON
TENSION
SURFACE
BUOYANCY
GRAVITY
PULL

N S U R F A C E N A T T R A C T E N P U L L E
T A N H A E L O T I O P C N C G I P T E N G V
I E O F R I C T I O N H E N N C B T P O R E H
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