Knowledge Organiser

Forces



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Glossary							
	1	Force	A push or pull on an object	11	Upthrust	Pushes up on objects in water	
	2	Balanced	When things are equal	12	Mass	How much 'stuff' is in an object	
	3	Unbalanced	When things are not equal	13	Weight	How much gravity is acting on an object	
	4	Contact Force	A force which can only act when touching an object	14	Grams and Kilograms	What we measure mass in	
	5	Non-Contact Force	A force which can act without touching an object	15	Newtons	What we measure weight in	
	6	Gravity	Pulls objects on Earth towards the centre of Earth	16	Streamlined	Shaped to move easily through water	
	7	Friction	Applied between two sliding surfaces	17	Density	How tightly packed the 'stuff' is in an object or material	
	8	Water Resistance	Applied on objects moving through water	18	Levers	A type of simple machine which uses a beam	
	9	Air Resistance	Applied on objects moving through air	19	Pulleys	A type of simple machine which uses wheels and rope	
	10	Magnetism	Applied when two objects are magnetic	20	Gears	A type of simple machine which uses toothed cogs	

What are balanced an unbalanced forces?

When two forces acting on an object are equal in size but they are acting in opposite directions, the forces are balanced. If an object is still, it will stay still and if an object is moving, it will continue to move at the same speed and in the same direction.



Balanced Forces

When forces are unbalanced, an object may start to move, stop moving, change speed or change direction.



Unbalanced Forces

What is the difference between mass and weight?

Mass is how much matter is inside an object. We measure mass in grams and kilograms and can use scales to do this.



Weight is how strongly gravity is pulling down on an object. It is measured in newtons (N).







friction for yourself.



objects have more.

A contact force which acts on objects moving through the air. Air resistance is a type of friction and is the force that pushes up against a parachute that is falling towards the ground.



A contact force which acts on objects moving through water. Water resistance is a type of friction and is the force you can feel pushing against you when you try to walk in a swimming pool.

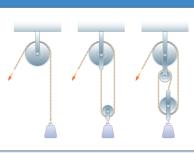


repelling is pushing.

A contact force which pushes upwards against objects in water. Upthrust is also known as buoyancy and is the force which makes things float instead of sink.



Levers can be used to turn a small force into a larger force. They can help us to change how a force is used and do things such as lift heavy objects. There are different kinds of levers.



Pulleys

Pulleys can be used to make a small force lift up a much heavier load. If you add more wheels to a pulley, you need to use less force to lift something.



A gear is also known as a cog. They are like wheels but have 'teeth'. A gear or set of gears can be used to change the speed or direction of a force. If one gear turns clockwise then the other will turn anti-clockwise.

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