

# INTRODUCTION TO FORCES

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM? HOW ARE THEY MEASURED?  
HOW ARE THEY ADDED & SUBTRACTED?



Here's Tim & Mobey on Force

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**Brain POP FORCE**

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**1. What happens when an unbalanced force is applied to an object at rest?**

A. It accelerates.  
 B. It remains at rest.  
 C. It gains mass.  
 D. It gains momentum.

**2. Which of the following is a unit of acceleration?**

A. 10 kilometers per hour  
 B. 40 meters per gram  
 C. 40 meters per second per second  
 D. 40 miles per second

**3. Which of the following is a unit of acceleration?**

A. Mass is a factor in both measurements.  
 B. Time is a factor in both measurements.  
 C. Force is a factor in both measurements.  
 D. Acceleration is a factor in both measurements.

**4. If a net force of 100 N is applied to an object at a rate of 10 m/s<sup>2</sup>, what would you get?**

A. 10 kg on the table  
 B. 10 kg on the pan  
 C. 10 kg on the scales  
 D. 10 kg on the scales

**5. Which of the following can change the acceleration of a car?**

A. Changing to oil  
 B. Changing direction  
 C. Turning the key in the ignition  
 D. Flipping the lock with you

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

**6. Approximately how fast is the ball accelerating?**

A. 1 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
 B. 1 m/s<sup>3</sup>  
 C. 1 m/s<sup>4</sup>  
 D. 10 m/s<sup>2</sup>

**7. If a 10 kg object is accelerating at a rate of 2 m/s<sup>2</sup>, how much force does it exert?**

A. 5 newtons  
 B. 12 newtons  
 C. 20 newtons  
 D. 1 newton

**8. Objects can really slide past each other when the force of friction between them is low. Which of the following situations has the least amount of friction?**

A.   
 B.   
 C.   
 D. 

**9. What is the mass of an object that has 100 newtons of force and is accelerating at a rate of 2 m/s<sup>2</sup>?**

A. 40 kg  
 B. 50 kg  
 C. 40 kg  
 D. 12 kg

**10. Why were wells of force named after Sir Isaac Newton?**

A. Newton was the British King when the wells were named.  
 B. Newton figured out the relationship between force, mass, and acceleration.  
 C. Newton invented the telescope that named the wells.  
 D. Newton was a very popular politician at the time.

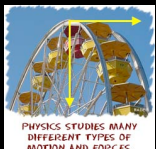
## 7. Forces & Motion



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## WHAT DOES MOTION HAVE TO DO WITH FORCES?

- You'd be surprised at how closely these two concepts go together.
- Suppose I asked you to move a heavy desk in the classroom. How would you move it?
  - Get on one side & start pushing
  - Grab the legs & start pulling
- Either way, you would be using force.




PHYSICS STUDIES MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF MOTION AND FORCES.

## WHAT IS A FORCE?





- A **push** or **pull**
- Change the **motion** of all objects
- Anytime you see something moving, you can be sure that a force created its motion.

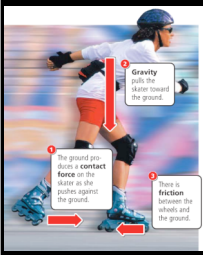
## FORCES ARE EVERYWHERE



- Without forces, sports, dancing, driving... basically *everything* would be impossible.
- Some forces, like **weight**, are present when things are not moving.

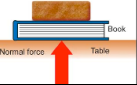
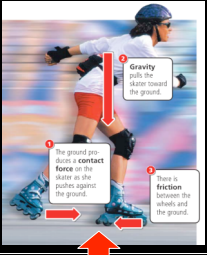



## TYPES OF FORCES



1. **Contact** force: created between two touching objects (holding a pencil, hugging someone, etc)
2. **Gravity**: force of attraction between two objects, Earth's gravity pulls on all objects
3. **Friction**: a force that resists motion between two surfaces that are pressed together

## TYPES OF FORCES

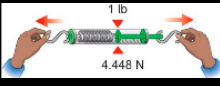



- Looking at this picture again, there is another force present ... what is it?
- What is holding the skater up?
- The ground!
- 4. This is the **normal** force.
- It is the support force exerted upon an object which is in contact with another stable object.
- For example, if a book is resting upon a surface, then the surface is exerting an upward force upon the book in order to support the weight of the book.

**Normal Force** (add this to your drawing!)


## UNITS

- **Newton (N)**
- 1 newton = accelerating a 1 kg object at 1 m/s each second
- 1 pound = **4.448** newtons



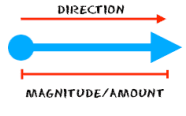
$$1 \text{ N} = 1 \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

## FORCES HAVE MAGNITUDE & DIRECTION




- Like velocity, force is a **vector**.
- That means it has **size** (magnitude) & direction.
  - Magnitude = **amount** or **strength** of the force
  - Measured in Newtons

## FORCE VECTORS



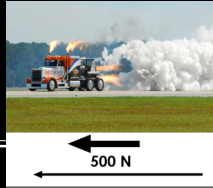
- A vector is an arrow used to show the direction & size of a force.
- The arrow points in the direction of the force.
- The length or thickness of the arrow represents the size or magnitude of the force.



LOOKING AT THE VECTORS OF A MOVING TRUCK.

## FORCE VECTOR EXAMPLES

- A smaller force of 5 N would have a small skinny arrow.
- A larger force of 500 N would have either a long arrow or a thick one.
  - (yes, this is a real image of The Shockwave jet truck traveling at 376 mph - it set the record for semis.)



## COMBINING FORCES

- Usually, more than one force is exerted on an object at the same time.
- The sum of all forces acting on an object is called the **net** force.
- You need to look at the net force in order to figure out if or how an object will move.

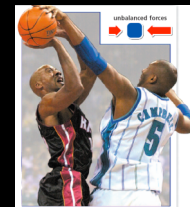
## BALANCED FORCES

- Net force = **zero**
- **No** change in motion (object is not moving)
- List 3 examples of **balanced** forces:
  - Paper on desk
  - You in the chair
  - Flag not moving



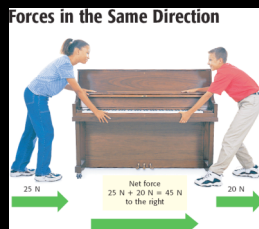
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- There is a **net** force acting on an object.
- Causes a change in motion
- Possible to add the forces together to find the size & direction of the net force.



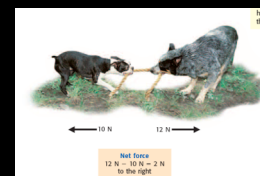
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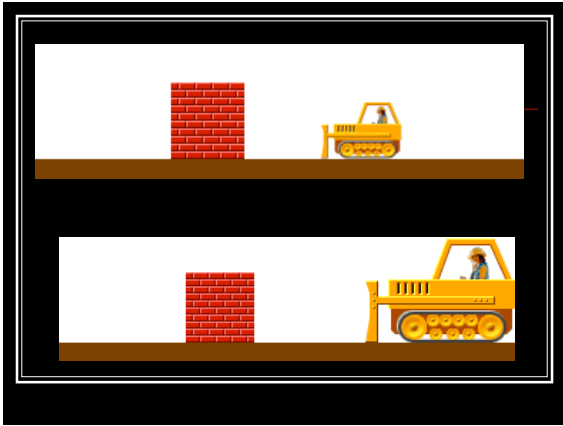
- If the forces are moving in the **same** direction, **add** the forces.
- Example:
  - Girl pushes 25 N to the right
  - Boy pulls 20 N to the right
  - Net Force = 45 N to the right
  - The piano moves to the right



## UNBALANCED FORCES

- If the forces are moving in **opposite** directions, **subtract** the forces.
- Example:
  - Dog #1 pulls 10 N to the left
  - Dog #2 pulls 12 N to the right
  - Net Force = 2 N to the right





## 8. Balanced & Unbalanced Forces

### YOU TRY IT: CALCULATING NET FORCE

1. $15\text{ N}$ $\rightarrow$ $25\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$	4. $2\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$ $14\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$
2. $8\text{ N}$ $\rightarrow$ $12\text{ N}$ $\rightarrow$	5. $3\text{ N}$ $\rightarrow$ $3\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$
3. $18\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$ $22\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$	6. $7\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$ $7\text{ N}$ $\rightarrow$

### YOU TRY IT: NET FORCE

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3. $18\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$ $22\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$ <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 100px;">4 N</span> $\rightarrow$	6. $7\text{ N}$ $\leftarrow$ $7\text{ N}$ $\rightarrow$ <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 100px;">0 N</span>

### SAMPLE TEST QUESTION #1

A force is acting on each of the objects below.

What can be concluded about these forces?

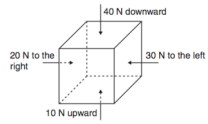
A They are the same because they point toward the objects.  
 B They are the same because they have the same magnitude.  
 C They are different because they have different magnitudes.  
 D They are different because they have different directions.

**Answer: D**

- Each box has the same magnitude of force (3 N), but in 3 different directions.
- That makes them totally different from one another.
- D is the only possible answer.

## SAMPLE TEST QUESTION #2

15 Four forces are acting on a box, as shown below.



This box will increase in speed

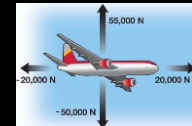
- A downward and to the left.
- B downward and to the right.
- C upward and to the left.
- D upward and to the right.

Answer: A

- The box will move 30 N downward & 10 N to the left

## SAMPLE TEST QUESTION #3

- Four forces are acting on a plane; lift, drag, thrust, and weight. Using the values in the picture, what is the net force (direction & size) acting on the plane?

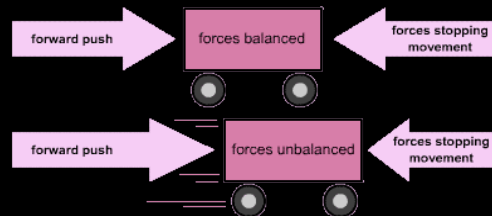


- Answer: 5,000 N upward

## 9. Forces review



Draw this in your little book at the bottom of pg12



Luke, use the mass times the acceleration



May the force be with you!