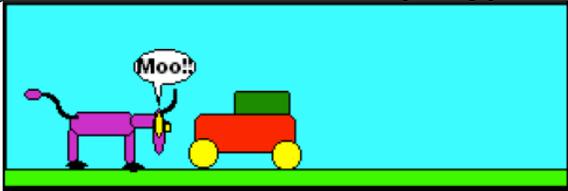


### Lecture 3: Everything you've ever wanted to know about Friction 1pt ec printing



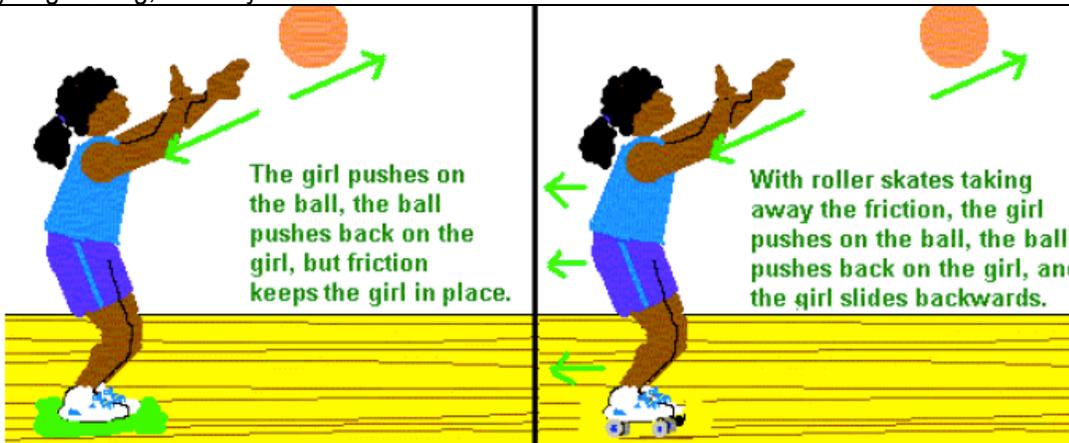
The Lucky Cow : In this animation, the driver of the car applies the brakes to avoid hitting the cow. But how does this cause the car to slow down and stop? The brakes cause the wheels to stop turning and to slide on the road surface. This action produces a force that resists the forward movement of the car. This force is called \_\_\_\_\_

Friction is a force \_\_\_\_\_.

You may be used to seeing moving objects slow down and stop once the force pushing or pulling the objects is removed. For example a wagon will stop moving once you stop pulling it. A ball will stop moving once it is caught. What you may not realize is that there are many forces acting upon objects that affect movement. Friction is one of these. Friction occurs when two objects are rubbed together. The bumps of one surface catch and hook into the bumps of the other surface. When the surfaces stick together, the motion between the objects slows down and stops. Frictional forces make it possible for us to walk, hold balls, open jars, and ride bikes. Lots of friction helps \_\_\_\_\_ (cleats on soccer shoes help the shoes grip the ground), while little friction \_\_\_\_\_ (moving over a smooth surface like a slide).

Most motion on earth involves friction. A ball rolling on a level floor will eventually stop because the floor pushes against the ball and creates friction. When you play baseball and slide into a base, you stop because of friction between you and the earth. If there were no friction you would slide right on over the base. It is the force of friction that \_\_\_\_\_

Many people think that it is a nuisance because it has causes us to apply a greater force to move an object. But in fact, it is of great help to us. If there is no friction, then cars cannot move on the road and we can hardly even walk. Imagine when you go skiing, is it very hard to walk on ice?



Frictional forces act along the common surfaces between two bodies in contact so as to resist the relative motion of the two bodies. The frictions involved form an \_\_\_\_\_



**a** There is no friction between the block and the table when no force is applied to the block to move it.

**b** If a small force—shown in blue—is exerted on the block, the block does not move because the force of static friction—shown in orange—exactly balances the force applied.

**c** When the force exerted on the block is greater than the force of static friction, the block starts moving. Once the block starts moving, all static friction is gone, but work must be done against sliding friction—shown in green.

Static friction In the figure above, a horizontal force is applied to a body with an intention to move it to the right-side, as long as the body is at rest, the frictional force is equal to the applied force and directs to the left-side (opposite direction of motion) resisting the motion. The friction is \_\_\_\_\_

