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### Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation

#### Video Questions

1. According to the story, Sir Isaac Newton was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ fell on his head. This led him to conclude that something was \_\_\_\_\_ down toward the Earth.
2. Newton thought that the same force might affect farther objects, such as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Eventually, he began looking for \_\_\_\_\_ that would help describe how all objects behave when affected by this force. He already knew that the magnitude of the force would be equal to the object's \_\_\_\_\_ times its \_\_\_\_\_. (Which comes from his \_\_\_\_\_.)
4. The first thing Newton would have to take into account was \_\_\_\_\_. The Moon is about \_\_\_\_\_ further from the \_\_\_\_\_ Earth than the apple would be. Newton concluded that the force between two objects \_\_\_\_\_ as they get \_\_\_\_\_. It equates to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the distance between the two objects.
5. The other major piece of the equation was \_\_\_\_\_. Newton calculated that the greater the \_\_\_\_\_, the greater the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Write Newton's initial version of the equation here:  
  
$$\mathbf{M} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$
$$\mathbf{m} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$
$$\mathbf{r} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\mathbf{F} \propto$$
7. The force between everyday objects had to be \_\_\_\_\_. To account for this, Newton added \_\_\_\_\_ to his equation. It was symbolized by \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The Law of Universal Gravitation then, is:

**G** = \_\_\_\_\_

**M** = \_\_\_\_\_

**m** = \_\_\_\_\_

**r** = \_\_\_\_\_

$$F_g = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

9. British scientist \_\_\_\_\_ would eventually use his precision instrumentation to \_\_\_\_\_. He determined its value to be \_\_\_\_\_.

10. 50 years previously, \_\_\_\_\_ developed his own Three Laws relating to \_\_\_\_\_. Newton knew that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ had to fit together.

11. Kepler stated that the \_\_\_\_\_ of planets were always \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ was always at \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. His second law stated that a \_\_\_\_\_ between a planet and the Sun will always \_\_\_\_\_ in the same \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The pull of planets on each other helped \_\_\_\_\_ explain what \_\_\_\_\_ didn't know.

13. Special planes used to simulate lower gravity are called \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Using Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation, NASA was able to \_\_\_\_\_. They found that it is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ which is approximately \_\_\_\_\_ percent of Earth's.