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Open up PhET simulation "Forces and Motion."

https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/forces-and-motion-basics/latest/forces-and-motion-basics_all.html

Force Size



+1 +1 +2 +3

TASK 1

- Place 2 people that are the same size the same distance away from the cart.
- Make a **prediction** about the movement of the cart.
- AFTER** you have observed the actual movement, click on the sum of the forces box at the top right hand corner of the simulation. Record the number in the data chart.

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
Same size, same placement on rope. 	none left slow fast right	none slow left fast right	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced


TASK 2

- Place 2 people that are the same size different distances away from the cart.
- Make a **prediction** about the movement of the cart.
- AFTER** you have observed the actual movement, click on the sum of the forces box at the top right hand corner of the simulation. Record the number in the data chart.

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
Same size – different placement 	none left slow fast right	none slow left fast right	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced


TASK 3

- Place 2 people that are different sizes the same distance away from the cart.
- Make a prediction about the movement of the cart.
- AFTER you have observed the actual movement, click on the sum of the forces box at the top right hand corner. Record the number in the data chart.

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
Different size – same placement 	none left slow right fast	none left slow right fast	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced


TASK 4

- Complete the table

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
	none left slow right fast	none left slow right fast	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced


Task 5

- Complete the table

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
	none left slow right fast	none left slow right fast	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced


Task 6

a. Complete the table

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
	none left right	slow left fast	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced


Task 7

a. Complete the table

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
	none left right	slow left fast	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced

Task 8

a. Complete the table

	Predicted Movement	Actual Movement (none, left, right)	Sum of Forces (0, x-left, x-right)
	none left right	slow left fast	IE 2 left 1 right 0 Use formatting above Balanced or Unbalanced

Two small men on the left and a large man on the right is an example of an unbalanced force.

- Give an example of a balanced force.
- Give an example of an unbalanced force.

