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 (magnitude and direction.)

Magnitude and Direction

Magnitude is the amount.

Speed: the amount is the rate

Displacement: the amount is the distance

Force: the amount is the strength of the push/pull

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- A. 100
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- C. North
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Velocity: Speed with Direction

Newton's first law

An object at rest remains at rest An object in motion remains in motion in a straight line

=uniform motion at constant velocity

Natural motion is Uniform motion



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A force is either a contact force or a long-range force. (i.e. gravity, magnetism)



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- B. Long Range Force
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Catalog of Forces

- Push
- Pull
- Friction
- Gravity (weight)
- Magnetism
- Electrostatic
- Spring (could be a push or a pull)

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- Normal Force
- Drag
- Thrust

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acceleration = Force/mass

Acceleration = change in speed per time

Cause and Effect

Force is the Cause

Acceleration is the Effect

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A. Yes B. No

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A. Yes **B. No**

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What is the same if the Owner rides?

What is different if the Owner rides?

Precise language

• Force is what the horse exerts

Mass is how much stuff which tells us about inertia

• Acceleration is the result – change in speed

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• Engine provides the Force

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Equal forces

If you push Vin Diesel and this baby, which will accelerate more?

- A. Vin Diesel
- B. Baby
- C. Both same
- D. Not enough info



Different mass = different acceleration

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- A. 1 only. C. 1 and 3
- B. 1 and 2. D. 2 and 3

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