

# **Speed, acceleration, friction, inertia, force, gravity**

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# Helium balloon

- Another way to think about it is Density



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What is the same if the Owner rides?

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# 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

# What do forces do?

They cause acceleration

$$\text{acceleration} = \text{Force/mass}$$

Acceleration = change in speed per time

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# Equal forces

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# Different mass = different acceleration

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# **Cause and Effect**

**Force** is the Cause

**Acceleration** is the Effect



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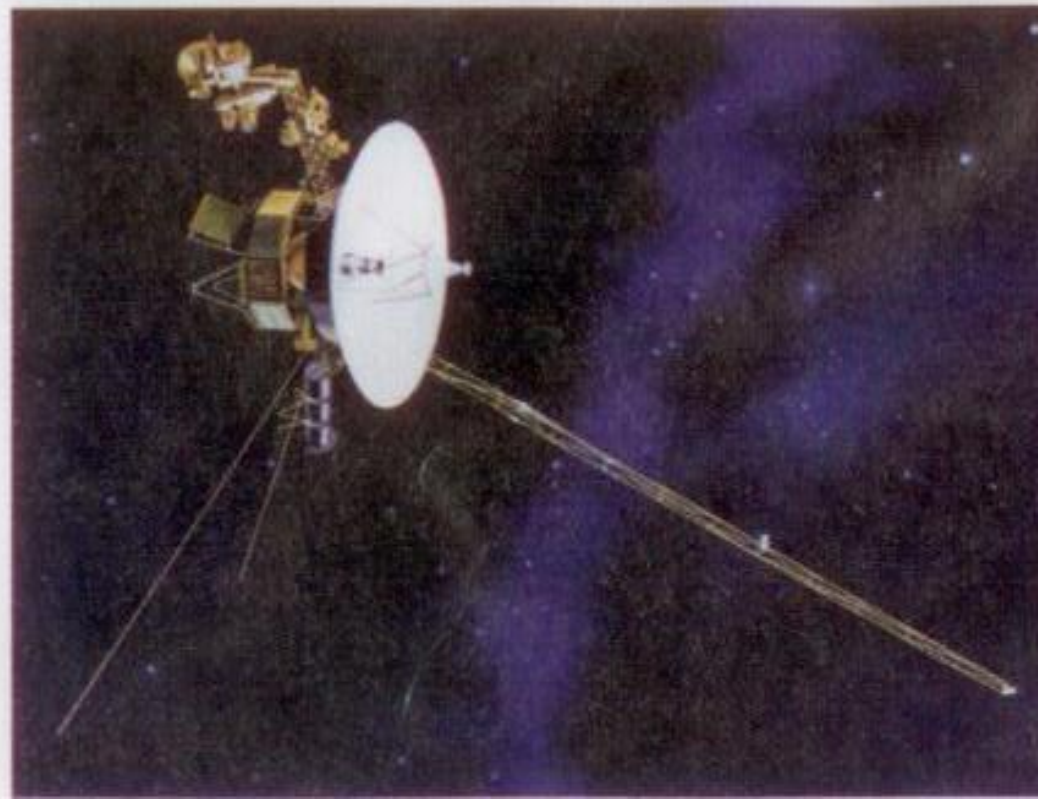
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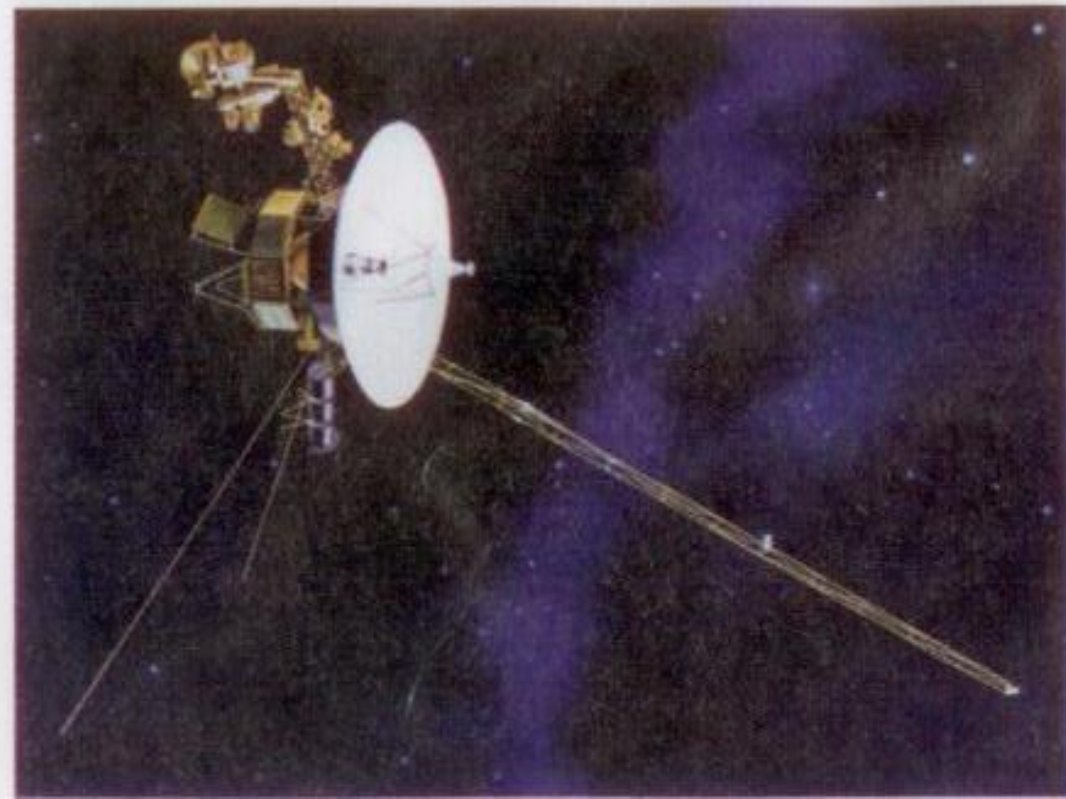
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**Nuclear power source – currently at 55%**

How is there no friction?

**No air in space**



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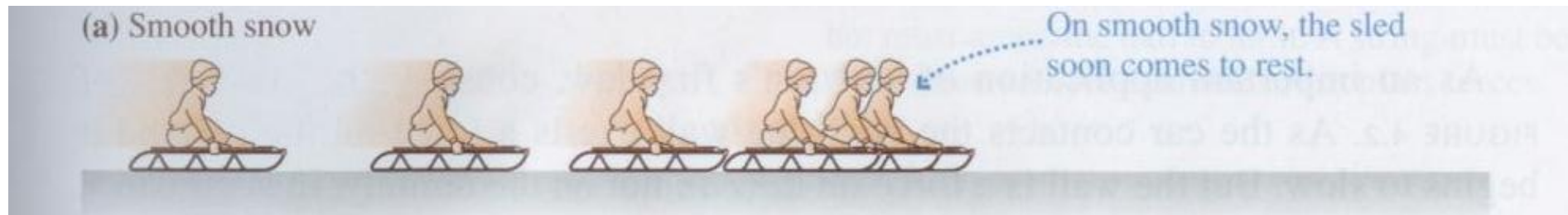
**Natural motion so Zero net Force**

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