

Science

Forces

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Water Resistance

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Aim

• To explore the effects of water resistance.

Success Criteria

- I can explain the effects of water resistance.
- I can identify streamlined shapes.
- I can minimise the effects of water resistance on an object.

Water Resistance



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How does it feel to walk through deep water?

Think of some words and phrases to describe the feeling.

Water Resistance

If you have ever walked through water, you will have felt the effects of **water resistance** pushing against you.

However, this also helps you to swim, as when you push against the water with your hands, the water resistance pushes back and helps you to move forward, like using oars to push against the water to row a boat.





It is possible to reduce the effects of water and air resistance.

Objects that do not experience much water or air resistance are described as **streamlined**.

This aeroplane is streamlined.



This shark is **streamlined**.





Then mould each piece into one of the three different shapes shown below.





Which shape do you think will fall the **fastest**? Which will fall the **slowest**?

Try it out before you move onto the next slide!





Can you give an example of an animal that has a streamlined shape?

The **cube** should have fallen the **slowest** through the water. It is the **least streamlined** shape because it has a **flat** surface which creates a lot of **water resistance**. The water pushes against the flat surface, slowing it down.

The **cone** should have fallen the **fastest** through the water. It is the **most streamlined** shape as it has a **pointed** end to cut through the water.

Boat Building





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Evaluate your boat's performance on your Boat Race Activity Sheet.

Make sure to explain the effects of water resistance and how you designed your boat to minimise these effects.

Boat Race			
Draw and label your boat here			
L Do you think your boat will move	through the water easily and quickl	y? When	
How long did it take your boat to	cross the water tray?		V
How did your boat do compared t	o the other boats?		
Why do you think your boat perfo	med this way? Use the key words belo	ow to explain your ideas.	
	Key Words		
water resistance streamlined	pointed flat curved low high	smooth surface push	



Apply Your Knowledge

Talk to your partner about your ideas.





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I think the weasel would be the most **streamlined**. It has a **smooth**, **low**, **curved back** to allow the water to flow over and around it. It does not have parts that stick out as much as the other animals. It does not create much **water resistance** so it can move through the water quickly.



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