

Aim

• To identify forces acting on objects.

Success Criteria

- I can identify forces as pushes and pulls.
- I can identify and explain the different forces acting on objects.



Forces are often referred to as **pushes** and **pulls**.

Look at the pictures below and decide whether each picture shows an example of a pushing or pulling force.



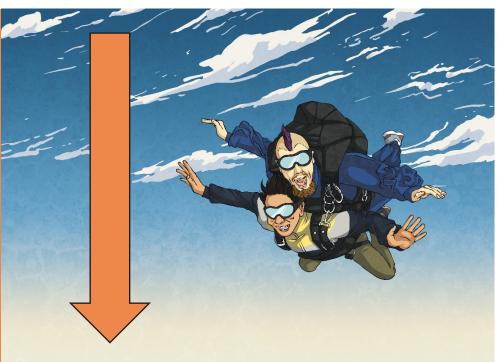








Forces affect the movement or shape of an object. They can make an object start to move, stop moving, move faster or move more slowly. They could also make an object change its shape or cause a moving object to change direction.

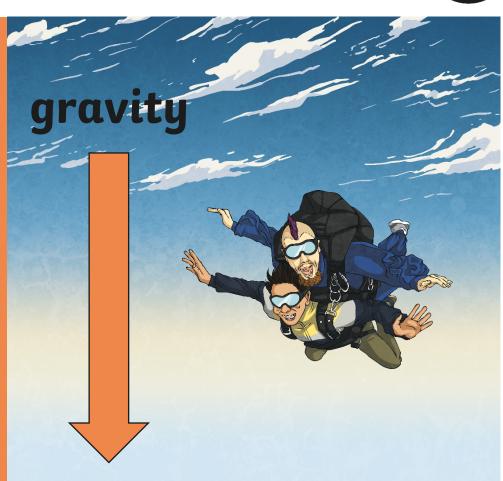


What is the name of the force pulling the skydivers down?



Gravity is a pulling force exerted by the Earth. The gravitational force from the Earth pulls in a direction towards the centre of the Earth.

Gravity is pulling the skydivers towards the Earth.





In this image, you can see that a force is slowing the skydivers down.

This force is pushing in the opposite direction to gravity.

Talk to your partner about what is happening in this picture.

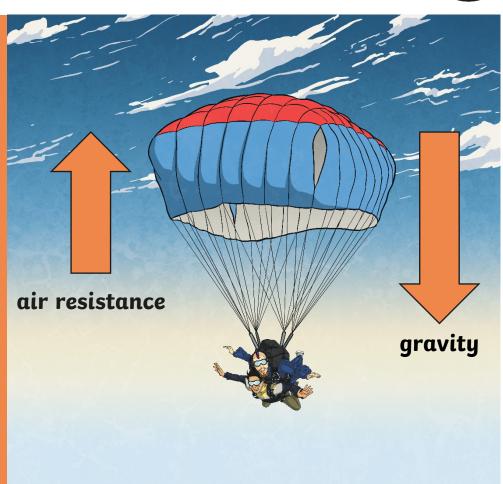




Air resistance is the name of the force that is pushing up against the parachute.

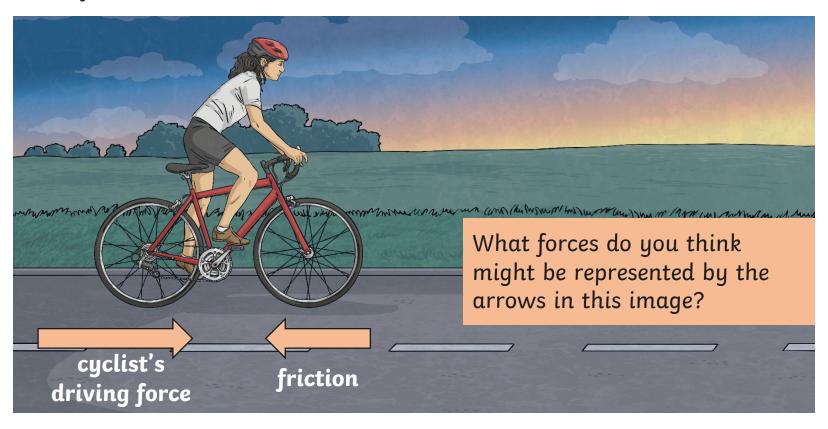
Gravity is pulling the skydivers towards the ground. However, they are slowed down because a force (air resistance) pushes against the inside of the parachute and they descend more slowly.

Gravity and air resistance are **opposing** forces in this situation.



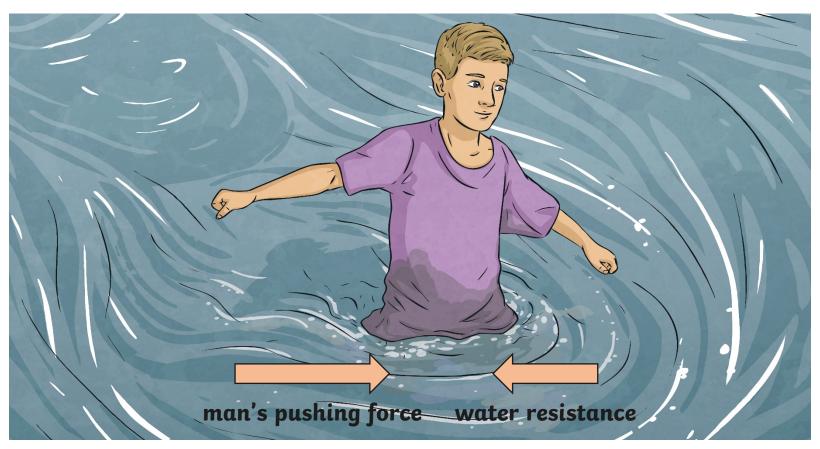


As well as gravity and air resistance, there are other forces that can act on objects.



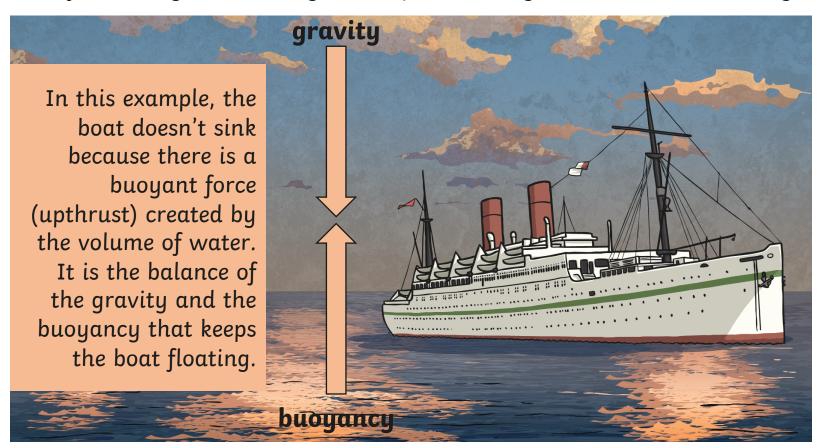


What forces do you think might be represented by the arrows in this image?





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Identifying Forces



Find your Identifying Forces sheet with pictures of different actions on.

The actions have arrows to show the forces acting on the object pictured but some names of forces are missing.

Fill in your gaps on your sheet and then check using the answer sheet.

Talk about Forces



Read the story on the Talk about Forces Activity Sheet. Highlight or underline examples of forces in the story.

In the second column, briefly explain the forces that are being applied in each example.

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Read the story together. Highlight or underline examples of forces in the story. Then, in the second column, briefly explain the forces that are being applied in each example. The first one

The magician reached inside her magic box and lifted up a gigantic magic wand high into the air.

has been done for you.

She pushed her very heavy magic box along the wooden floor so that it was by the side of the stage.

Next, she juggled with silk handkerchiefs. After she threw them into the air, they fell gently downwards for her to catch.

After, she lifted a robot penguin out of the box. She held it high in the air.

There was a screen behind the magician and she pushed the screen to one side. Behind the screen was a paddling pool. The magician placed the penguin into the water and it started to swim a length of the pool.

The children laughed and cheered, although they weren't sure what was magical about the robot swimming in the pool! The magician ended her show by popping a big party popper. The popper shot long strips of colourful paper into the air, which then fell softly to the ground.

The magician's force is lifting it up and gravity is pulling it down to Earth.



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