

- Forces are measured in <u>newtons, N</u> and can be measured with a <u>newton meter</u>
- Forces are nearly always **pushes** and **pulls**
- Forces can make objects: speed up or start moving/ slow down or stop moving/ change direction/ turn/ change shape
- Some common forces you have already met are gravity, friction, air and water resistance and magnetic.

# Lesson 2: Force diagrams



- Forces can be separated into <u>contact</u> and <u>non-contact</u> forces
- Some common contact forces are: friction, air resistance, upthrust, weight, thrust, lift and normal
- Some common non-contact forces are: gravity, magnetic and static
- Forces can be represented on <u>free-body diagrams</u> using arrows to show their direction and magnitude



- Balanced forces produce no change in movement
- Unbalanced forces change the speed or direction of moving objects.
- An object will move in the direction of the largest (resultant) force acting on the object



- Friction is a resistive force that acts in the opposite direction to movement
- Friction can be useful e.g. allowing objects to start and stop
- Friction can be a disadvantage as it slows you down



- Water resistance is a frictional force that slows down moving objects
- Objects can be streamlined to reduce the effects of water resistance



- Air resistance is a frictional force that slows down moving objects
- Objects can be streamlined to reduce the effects of air resistance
- Air resistance limits the maximum, top speed of an object



- Upthrust is a force that acts upwards on objects immersed in water
- If the force of upthrust is equal to, or greater than, the weight of an object it will float
- If the force of upthrust is less than the objects weight it will sink

# Lesson 10-11: Forces and Elasticity

Key points to learn:



- Elastic objects will return to their original shape after being stretched/compressed
- Hooke's law states that the extension of a spring is <u>directly</u> proportional to the force applied
- $F(N) = k(N/m) \times e(m)$
- Stretched springs holding a weight are in **equilibrium**

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# Lesson 12: Forces Badger assessment

Key points to learn:

• All key points from previous lessons apply



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