

Forces – Science – Year 5 – Knowledge Organiser.

Forces in Action.

The Moon has a smaller **mass** than Earth so the **gravitational pull** on the Moon is smaller than it is on Earth.

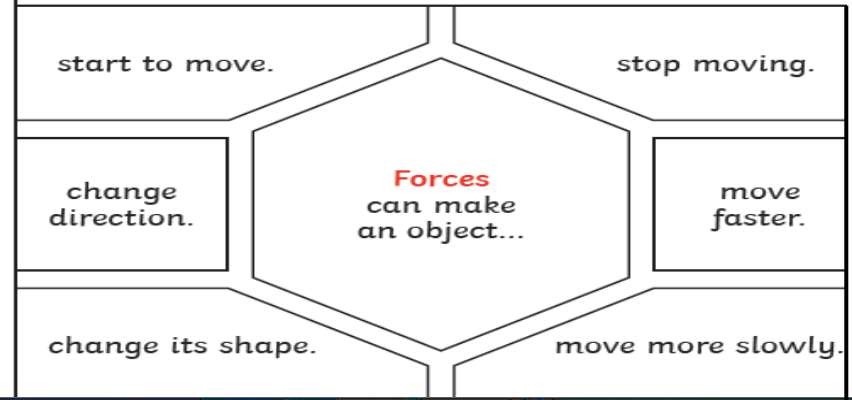


Jupiter has a greater **mass** than Earth so the **gravitational pull** on Jupiter is stronger than on Earth.

Mass is how much matter is inside an object. It is measured in kilograms (kg).

Weight is how strongly **gravity** is pulling an object down. It is measured in newtons (N).

Isaac Newton is famously thought to have developed his theory of **gravity** when he saw an apple fall to the ground from an apple tree.



Key vocabulary:

forces	Pushes or pulls.
gravity	A pulling force exerted by the Earth (or anything else which has mass).
Earth's gravitational pull	The pull that Earth exerts on an object, pulling it towards Earth's centre. It is the Earth's gravitational pull which keeps us on the ground.
weight	The measure of the force of gravity on an object.
mass	A measure of how much matter (or 'stuff') is inside an object.
friction	A force that acts between two surfaces or objects that are moving, or trying to move, across each other.
air resistance	A type of friction caused by air pushing against any moving object.
water resistance	A type of friction caused by water pushing against any moving object.
buoyancy	An upward force that a liquid applies to objects.
streamlined	When an object is shaped to minimise the effects of air or water resistance .
mechanism	Parts which work together in a machine. Examples of mechanisms are pulleys, gears and levers.

Water resistance and **air resistance** are forms of **friction**. **Friction** is sometimes helpful and sometimes unhelpful. For example, **air resistance** is helpful as it stops the skydiver hitting the ground at high speed. **Friction** on a bike chain can make the bike harder to pedal so it is unhelpful.

Gears, Pulleys, Cogs and Leavers.

Pulleys	Gears/Cogs	Levers
Pulleys can be used to make a small force lift a lighter load. The more wheels in a pulley, the less force is needed to lift a weight .	Gears or cogs can be used to change the speed, force or direction of a motion. When two gears are connected, they always turn in the opposite direction to each other.	Levers can be used to make a small force lift a lighter load. A lever always rests on a pivot.