

Force and Newton's Laws

Newton's First Law Section 1

- A. Force—push or pull on an object
 - 1. The combination of all the forces acting on an object is the **net force**.
- Underlined words and phrases are to be filled in by students on the Note-taking Worksheet.
- 2. When forces are balanced forces, they cancel each other out and do not change an object's motion; when forces are <u>unbalanced</u> forces, the motion of an object changes.
- B. Newton's first law of motion—an object will remain at rest or move with constant speed unless a force is applied.
- C. <u>Friction</u> is a force that resists sliding between two touching surfaces or through air or water.
 - 1. Friction slows down an object's motion.
 - 2. Static friction—the type of friction that prevents an object from moving when a force is applied
 - 3. Sliding friction is due to the microscopic roughness of two surfaces; it slows down a sliding object.
 - 4. Rolling friction between the ground and a wheel allows the wheel to roll.

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

What are three types of friction? Static friction, sliding friction, and rolling friction

Section 2 Newton's Second Law

- A. Newton's second law of motion connects force, acceleration, and mass; it explains that an object acted upon by a force will accelerate in the direction of the force; acceleration equals net force divided by mass.
- **B.** Gravity—attractive force between two objects; depends on the mass of the objects and distance between them; gravitational force is also called weight.
- C. The second law explains how to <u>calculate</u> the acceleration of an object if its mass and the forces acting on it are both known.
- **D.** In circular motion, the <u>centripetal</u> force is always perpendicular to the motion.
- E. The <u>terminal velocity</u> is reached when the force of gravity is balanced by air resistance; the size of the air resistance force depends on the shape of an object and its speed.