## upper Key Stage 2: Forces

Key Vocabulary		What can a force do?
Gravity	The force that attracts a body towards the centre of the earth.	change direction.  Forces can make an object  change its shape.  move more slowly.
Force	A push or pull upon an object resulting from its interaction with another object.	
Friction	The resistance that one surface or object encounters when moving over another.	
Weight	The measure of the force of gravity on an object.	
Mass	The weight measured by an objects acceleration under a given force or by the force exerted on it by gravity.	
Pull force	To draw or haul towards oneself or itself, in a particular direction.	
Push force	To move something in a specific way by exerting force.	Isaac Newton
Water resistance	A force that is caused by water with the force acting in the opposite direction to an object moving through the water.	Isaac Newton is considered one of the most important scientists in history. Even Albert Einstein said that Newton was the smartest
Air resistance	A force that is caused by air with the force acting in the opposite direction to an object moving through the air.	person that ever lived. During his lifetime Newton developed the theory of gravity, the laws of motion, a new type of mathematics
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 that keeps us on the ground.	called calculus.  Isaac Newton was born in 1643 and became famous for his work on gravity and his laws of motion. The famous story of an apple falling to the ground from a tree illustrates how Newton's work on gravity was inspired by things he observed in the world around him.  Newton told the story of seeing an apple fall to the ground from a tree which inspired him to wonder why it fell down, rather than up or across. This led to his work on defining gravity. Newton developed the universal law of gravitation, which states that two things will be attracted to one another and that the mass of each object will affect the amount of attraction.
streamlined	When an object is shaped to minimise the effects of air or water resistance.	
Pulleys	A wheel with a grooved rim around that changes the direction of a force applied to the cord.	
Levers	A rigid bar resting on a pivot that is used to move a heavy or firmly fixed load.	
Gears	A toothed wheel that works with others to alter the relation between the speed of a driving mechanism (e.g. engine) and the speed of the driven parts (e.g. the wheels).	

## Newton's 3 laws of motion First law Everybody remains in a state of rest or uniform motion unless acted upon by an external force. Second law The amount of acceleration of a body is proportional to the acting force and proportional to the mass of the body.

Third law

on object A.

For every action there is

reaction. If object A exerts

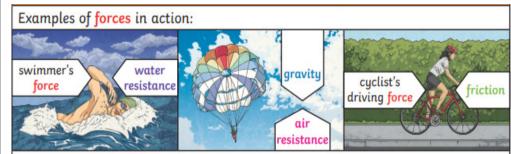
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equal but opposite force

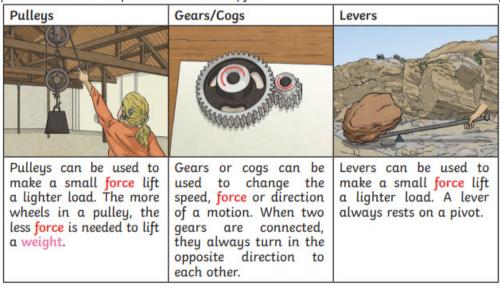
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object B will exert an

## **Forces**



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.



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