



# **S2 Forces and Motion**

## **Self Checks**



# Self Check 1

1. A cyclist travels a distance of 100 metres in 10 seconds.  
Calculate her average speed in m/s.

2. A slow athlete runs 200 metres in 25 seconds.  
Calculate his average speed in m/s.



3. A man walks 50 metres in 100 seconds.  
Calculate his average speed in m/s.

4. Copy and complete the following table:

| Speed               | Distance   | Time         |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| 100 m/s             | 200 metres |              |
|                     | 25 metres  | 5 seconds    |
| 50 m/s              | 150 metres |              |
| 40 km/s             |            | 3 seconds    |
|                     | 500 metres | 1000 seconds |
| 10 mph              | 100 miles  |              |
|                     | 5 km       | 5 s          |
| 20 ms <sup>-1</sup> |            | 4 s          |
|                     | 12 m       | 6 s          |

5. A coach departs from St Ninian's H.S. taking a group of lucky pupils to Glasgow Airport for a school trip to Spain. The coach leaves the school at 10.50 am and arrives at the airport at 11.20 am.
- (a) How many seconds did the journey take?
- (b) How many hours did the journey take?
- (c) Calculate the average speed of the coach if the airport is 8 miles (12 800 metres) away from the school in
- (i) Miles per hour.
- (ii) Metres per second.



# Self Check 2

1. A student is writing a laboratory report which investigates how the instantaneous speed of a trolley down a ramp varies with the angle of the ramp. Using a diagram, explain how the student would measure the instantaneous speed of the trolley (include any measurements taken).

2. The table below shows the three best times for the Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix.

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Lewis Hamilton (McLaren)  | 1 hr 18mins 43 seconds |
| Kimi Raikkonen (Ferrari)  | 1 hr 19mins 5 seconds  |
| Fernando Alonso (McLaren) | 1 hr 18mins 37 seconds |

- (a) Which driver won the race?
- (b) Which driver had the lowest average speed?
- (c) Explain your answer to part b.



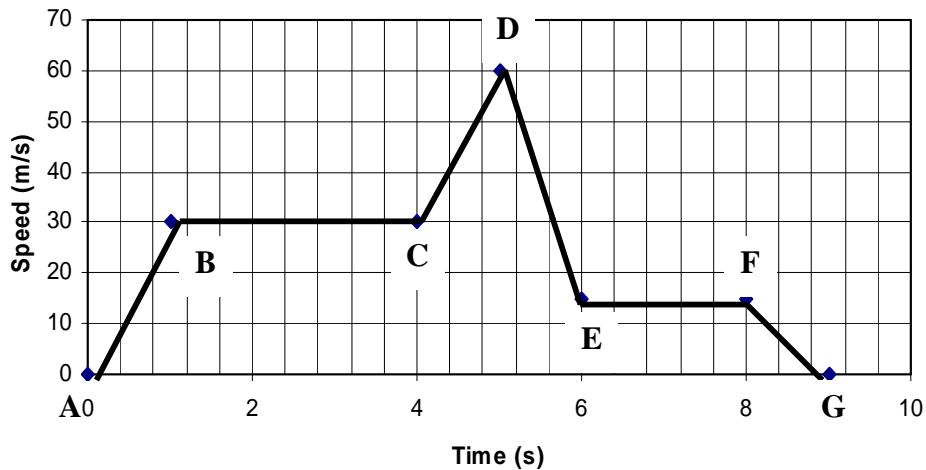
3. The police use a speed gun to find the instantaneous speed of cars which pass a particular point on the road. One car has a length of 4 m and takes 0.32 seconds to cut the speed gun's beam.
- (a) Find the instantaneous speed of the car.
- (b) If the speed limit is 30 mph for this particular road is the car speeding?  
( 30 mph = 13.4 m/s)
- (c) Why do the police monitor the speed of the motorists in this way?
4. On a snowy day, a light gate and timer are placed at the bottom of a hill. They are used to time how long it takes a sledge of width 1.25 metres to cut the beam.

If the sledge takes 0.65 seconds to cut the beam find the sledges instantaneous speed at the bottom of the hill.



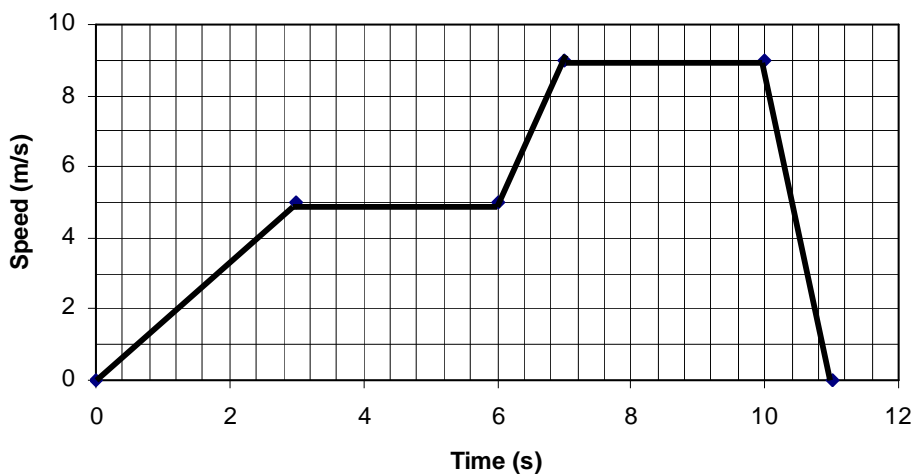
## Self Check 3

1. The graph below shows how the speed of a car varies with time during a journey.



- (a) What is the car's maximum speed?
- (b) Identify the points on the graph where:
- (i) The car is accelerating.
  - (ii) The car is decelerating.
- (c) At which points does the car have an acceleration of  $0 \text{ m/s}^2$ ?
2. An object's motion is shown on the speed - time graph.

Describe the motion for the first 10 seconds of the journey.



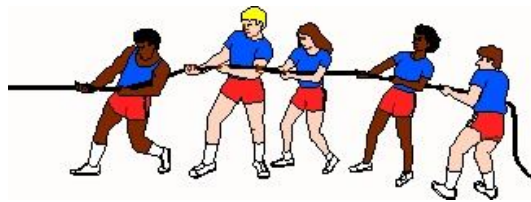
# Self Check 4

1. (a) What is the name given to the instrument used to measure force?  
(b) Why is a spring suitable for use in this instrument?

2. What three things can a force change when applied to an object?

3. Describe what forces are used in the following situations:

- (a) Opening a jar of jam.
- (b) Closing a cupboard door.
- (c) A tug of war competition.



4. (a) What is meant by a non contact force?  
(b) Give two examples of non contact forces.
5. (a) What is the difference between mass and weight?  
(b) A man has a mass of 70 kg on Earth. Calculate the man's weight on Earth.
6. A woman has a weight of 450 N on Earth. What does this statement mean?



# Self Check 5

1. Copy and complete the following sentence:

Friction is a \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ motion.

2. Below is a photograph of a bicycle:



- (a) Describe one example on the bicycle where friction is **useful**.
- (b) Describe one example on the bicycle where friction is a **nuisance**.
- (b) What is done to the bicycle chain to reduce friction?

3. A diagram of a downhill skier is shown:

- (a) Why is the helmet curved in shape?
- (b) What other method shown helps the skier to pick up speed?
- (c) Describe what the skier could do to slow down?

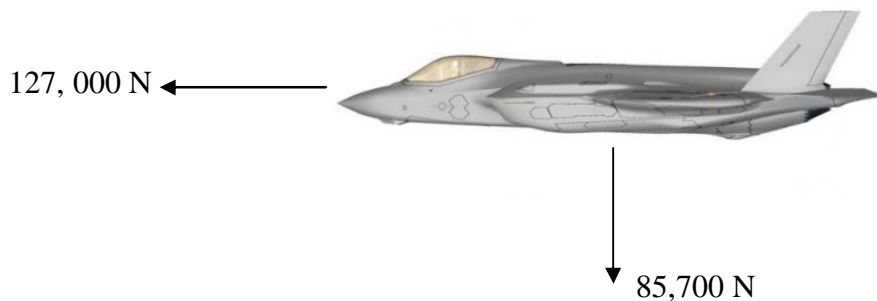


4. (a) List three situations where friction is **useful** in our everyday lives.
- (b) List three situations where friction is a **nuisance** in our everyday lives.

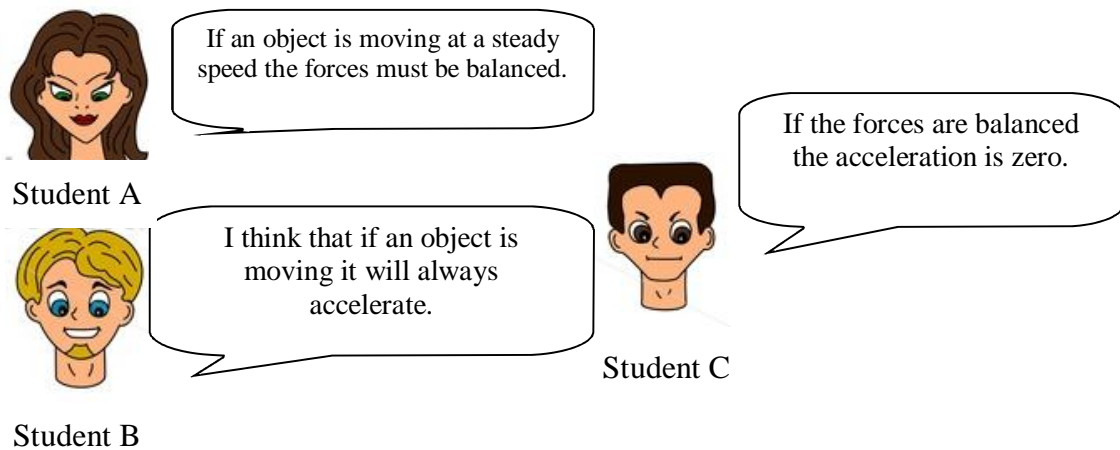


# Self Check 6

1. A boy on a skateboard is travelling at a constant speed.  
Describe the forces that are acting on the boy.
2. Complete the diagram below showing all the forces acting on the jet if it is flying at a **constant height** and at a **constant speed**.



3. Students are having a discussion about forces:



Which student or students is / are correct? Explain your answer.



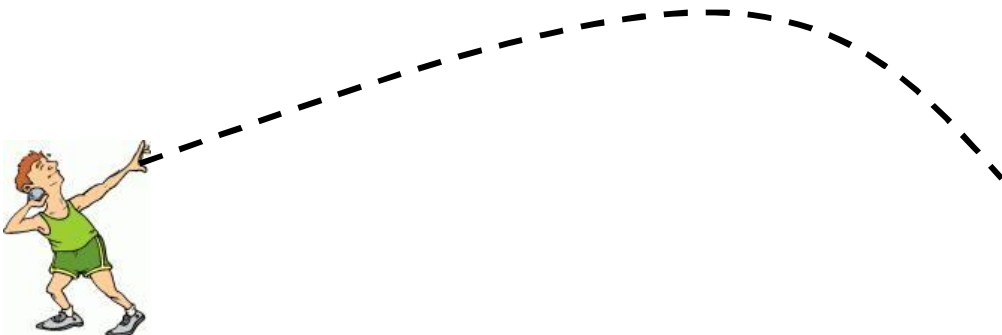
## Self Check 6 Continued

4. A car is travelling at 70mph.



- (a) What speed will the passengers be travelling at.
- (b) If the brakes are applied suddenly what safety device prevents the passengers from continuing to travel at that speed?
- (c) If they are not wearing the safety device what will happen to the passengers?

5. The diagram below shows the path that a shot putt follows once it has been thrown.



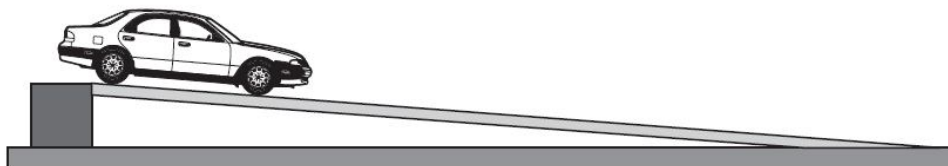
- (a) Why does the projectile follow this path?
- (b) What should the athlete do to ensure that the shot putt goes as far as possible?





# Extra Work Self Check 1

1. A car is released and allowed to roll down a ramp as shown:



The length of the ramp is 25 m and the length of the car is 3 m.

- (a) What is the car's average speed if it takes the car 2.25 seconds to roll down the ramp?

In a second test run the car is found to have an average speed of  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- (b) How long did it take the car to roll down the ramp?

2. Find the average speed in  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  of a ship that takes 4 hours to travel a distance of 25 km.
3. During a 400 m race the times of the three athletes are displayed.

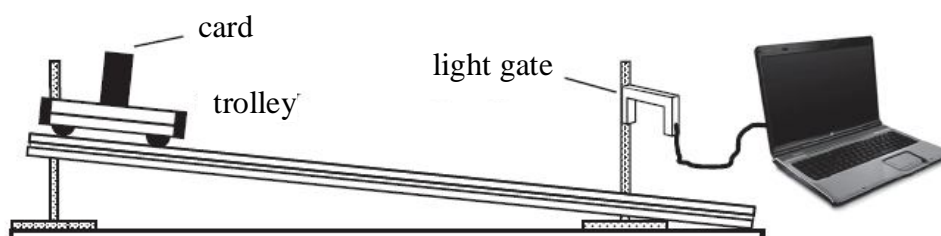
|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Athlete A | 55.53 s |
| Athlete B | 55.64 s |
| Athlete C | 55.60 s |

- (a) Without doing any calculations, explain which athlete had the largest average speed.
- (b) Calculate the average speed for this athlete.
- (c) Is it possible for another athlete to be going faster at any point in the race than the eventual winner? Explain your answer.



## Extra Work Self Check 2

1. A pupil sets up the following experiment.



- (a) Is the student going to measure the average or instantaneous speed of the trolley? Explain your answer.

The student carries out the experiment and records the following results:

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Height of ramp   | 0.75 m |
| Length of card   | 4 cm   |
| Time to cut beam | 0.246s |
| Length of ramp   | 1.25 m |

- (b) Use these result to find the cars speed as it passes the light gate.

The pupil carries out the experiment a total of 6 times and the times recorded for the trolley to cut the beam are listed below.

0.246 s      0.249 s      0.246 s      0.243 s      0.244 s      0.247 s

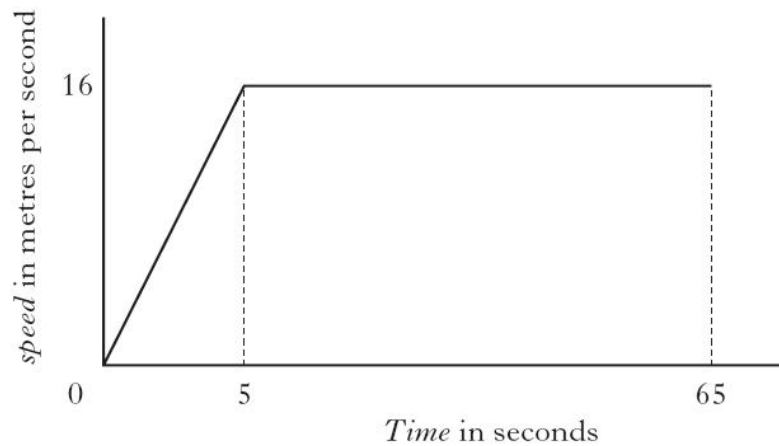
- (c) (i) Give a reason for the pupil repeating the experiment.
- (ii) Calculate the average time for the trolley to cut the light beam.
- (iii) Use your answer to part (ii) to find the average speed at which the trolley cut the light beam.



# Extra Work Self Check 3



1. The graph below shows the speed - time graph for a cyclist during a sprint race.



- (a) What is the maximum speed of the cyclist during the race?
- (b) The length of the race is 1 km. Find the average speed of the cyclist during the race.

When the cyclist crosses the finishing line after 65 seconds it takes her 3 seconds to come to rest.

- (c) Copy and complete the speed time above adding in the section for the cyclist coming to rest.



# Extra Work Self Check 4

1. The forces that act on a yacht during a race are shown below:



- (a) There is another force acting on the yacht in the opposite direction. Name this force.
- (b) The yacht must be lifted out of the water for repairs.

A machine for lifting the yacht can lift a maximum force of 14 000 N.  
The boat has a mass of 1100 kg.

- (i) Find the yachts weight.
- (ii) Will the machine be able to lift the yacht out of the water?  
Explain your answer.
2. A sky diver jumps from a height of 600 m. At one stage of the jump he falls at a constant speed.
- (a) Draw a diagram showing the forces acting on the sky diver.
- (b) The sky diver has a mass of 75 kg what is his weight?
- (c) At one stage of the jump the sky divers speed is constant.
- (i) What can be said about the forces acting on the sky diver at this point?
- (ii) What is the size of the air resistance at this point?



# Extra Work Self Check 5

1. The diagram below shows a motorcyclist on a motorbike.



- (a) Explain why the front of the motorbike is curved and the motorcyclist is not sitting upright.
  - (b) The motorcyclist is checking his tyres and decides that he should buy new ones as the tread has worn. Explain why he should do this.
  - (c) The gear lever often sticks and is hard to move. Explain how the motorcyclist could fix this.
2. Football boot manufacturers spend a lot of time researching how friction can both help and hinder the boot's performance.



- (a) Explain why football boots have studs at the bottom.
- (b) Describe one way in which friction would be a nuisance to the player.



## Extra Work Self Check 5 Cont

3. A safety device in roller coasters is the safety bar as shown below.



- (a) If a roller coaster is travelling at 30 mph at what speed are the riders moving?
- (b) State the purpose of the safety bar when the roller coaster applies the brakes.
- (c) An engineer is seen applying oil to the moving parts of the roller coaster.



Explain why she would do this?

- (d) The mass of a typical roller coaster cart is 5000 kg.  
Calculate the weight of the cart.





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