Ch 12 Gravity, Friction, and Pressure



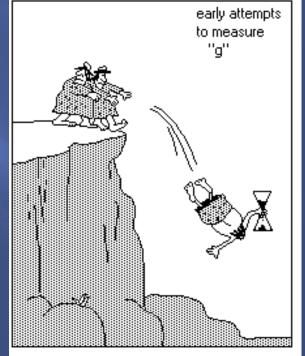
12.1 Gravity is a force exerted by masses

Masses attract each other – the strength of the gravitational force is proportional to the product of the masses divided by the distance between them squared



Gravitational acceleration is symbolized by g and equals 9.8 m/s₂ at Earth's surface

Mass is the amount of matter
Weight is the effect
of gravity on the object

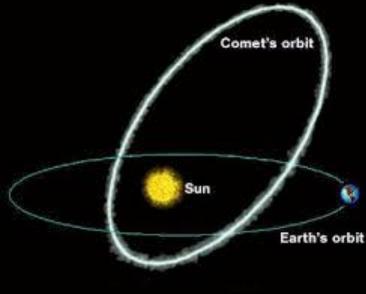


Don't forget to stop the timer when you get to the bottom of the cliff!

Gravity keeps objects in orbit

 Orbit – elliptical path that an object takes around another object

Orbital path – result of the speed of the orbiting body and the gravitational pull between the 2 objects



 Escape velocity – speed an object must have to escape the gravitational pull of another body (like a spacecraft leaving a planet)



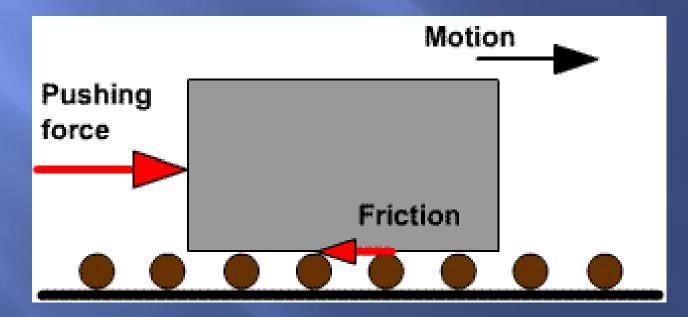
Free fall – speeds lower than the escape velocity will result in a orbit (can't feel gravity)



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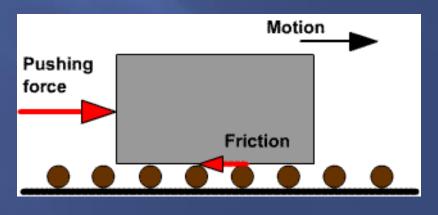
2.2 Friction is a force that opposes motion

- Friction occurs when surfaces slide against each other
 - Amount of friction may be determined by the type of surface (rough causes more friction)



- Motion of the surfaces affects friction
 - Static friction force needed to start an object moving
 - Sliding friction force needed to keep an object moving
- As the force pressing the surfaces together increases, friction increases
- Friction between surfaces produces heat





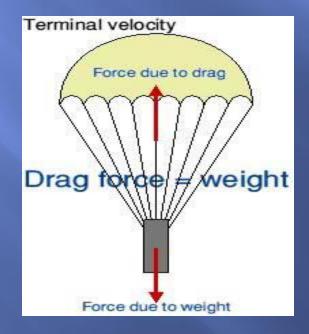
Motion through fluids produces friction

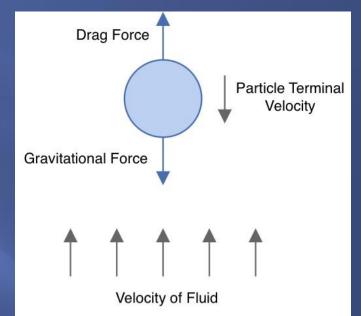
Fluid – substance that flows easily (liquids & gases)

 Air resistance – friction caused by an object moving through air
 Amount is based on the surface area of the object and the speed at which it moves



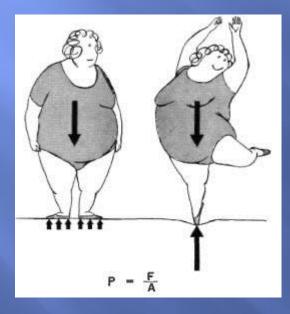
 Terminal velocity – maximum speed of an object falling through the air because air resistance balances gravity

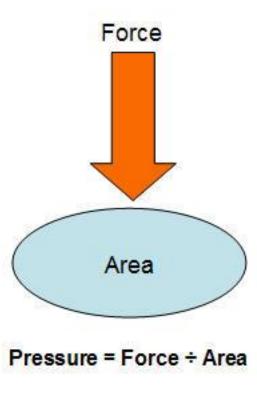




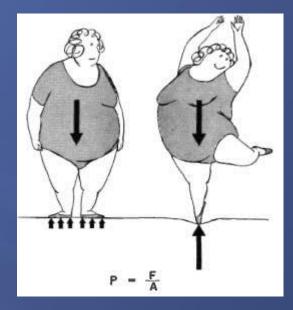
12.3 Pressure depends on force and area

Pressure describes how a force is spread over an area





 Pressure increases when the force stays the same but acts on a smaller area



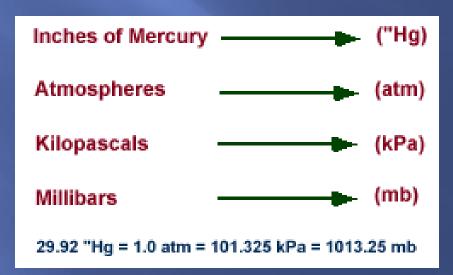
It increases when the area stays the same but force increases

$$P = F/A$$

 Pascal – unit for pressure (force should be in Newtons and area in square meters)

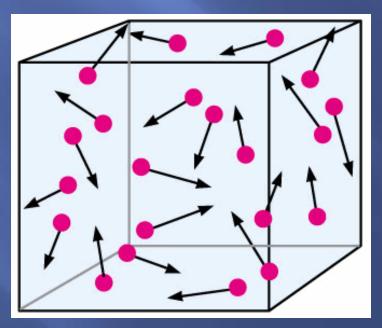
Other Units

Mb = millibar
PSI = pounds per square inch
mmHg = millimeters of mercury

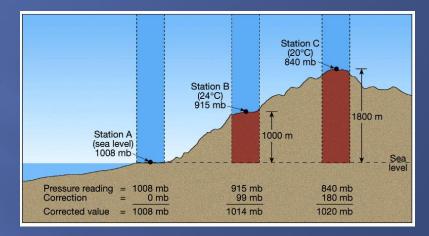


Pressure acts in all directions in fluids

Particles in a fluid move constantly and rapidly
 They collide with objects they come in contact with the fluid, applying pressure to the surface of the object



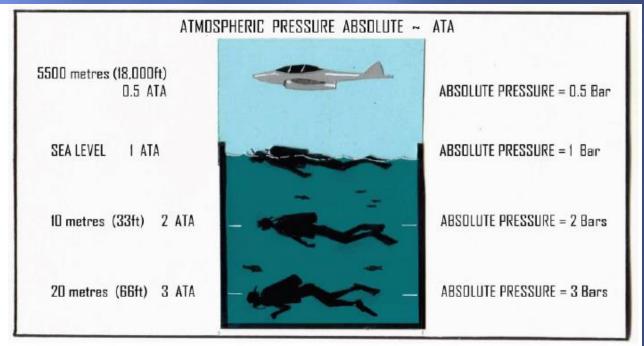
 Amount of pressure is proportional to the density
 & depth of the fluid



- Air exerts pressure on all objects
 - It is more dense at lower elevations
 - It is less dense at higher elevations
 - The denser the air, the more pressure it exerts
 - Water is more dense than air & exerts more pressure than air

Pressure in fluids depends on depth

- The pressure a fluid exerts depends on depth and density of the fluid
- At sea level, air exerts a pressure called <u>atmospheric pressure</u>





Air has weight

The more air above you,

the greater the weight of the air

- Air at higher elevations weighs less
- Air at lower elevations is more compressed (more dense, more weight)

 Water has a greater density than air so exerts more pressure on objects than air

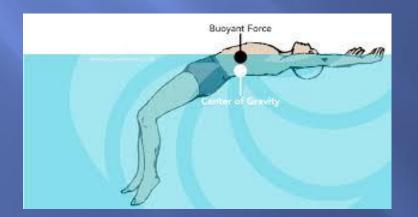
High altitude lower pressure

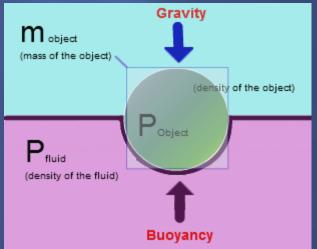
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12.4 Fluids can exert a force on objects

Fluids can exert an upward force on objects

- On Earth objects are subject to forces from all directions, but the forces may not be balanced
- The difference in water pressure at different depths produces an upward force called <u>buoyant force</u>
 - this force directly relates to the amount of fluid the object replaces





Density is the amount of matter per unit of volume

• D = M/V

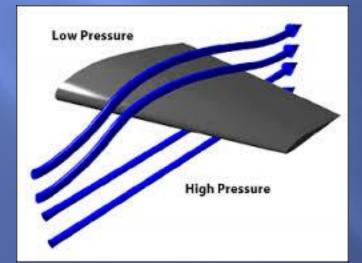
 Buoyancy enables a less dense material to float on another denser material



The motion of a fluid affects its pressure



Bernoulli's principle – as speed of a fluid increases, the pressure inside the fluid decreases

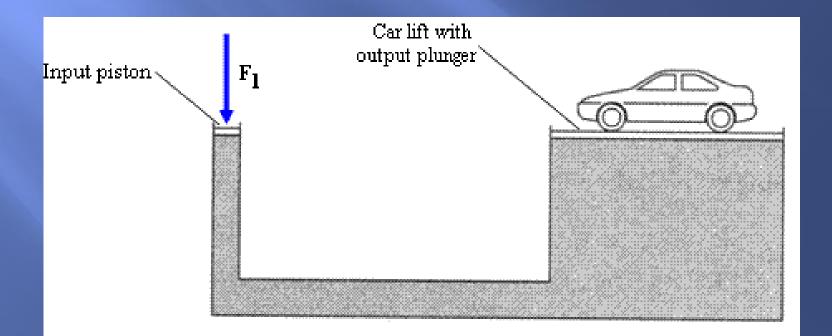




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Forces can be transmitted through fluids

Pascal's principle – when outside pressure is applied to a fluid in a container, the pressure is transmitted equally throughout the entire fluid



 <u>Hydraulic machines</u> use liquids to transmit forces (gases would be less effective because they change volume when force is applied)

