

# Forces

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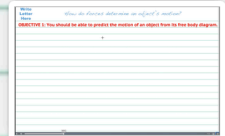
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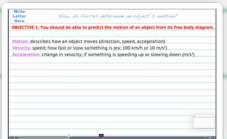
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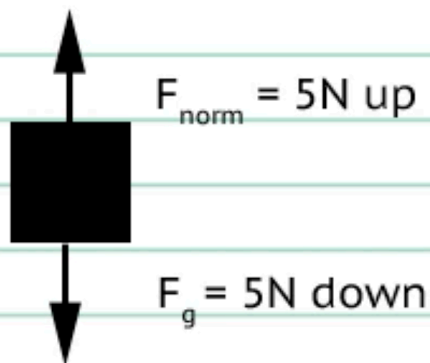
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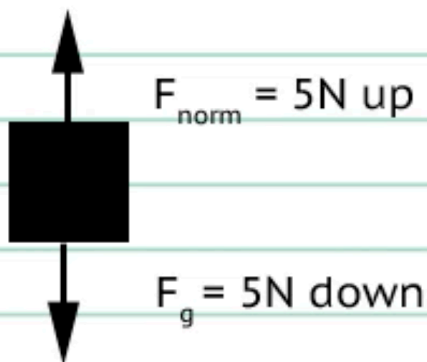
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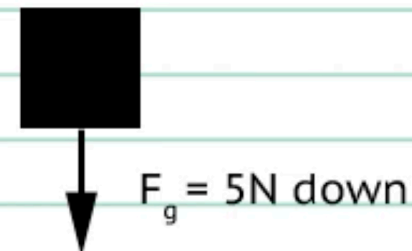
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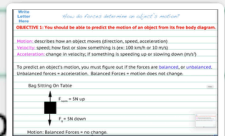


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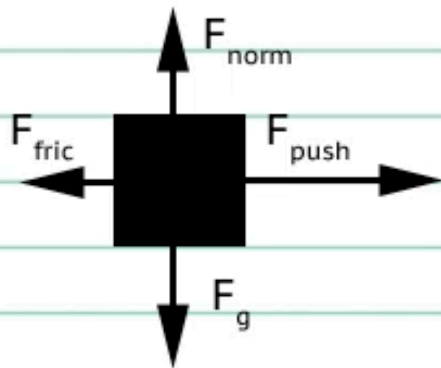
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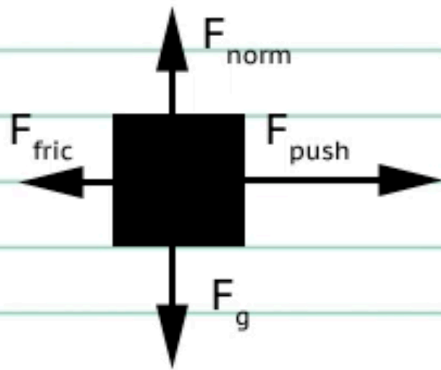
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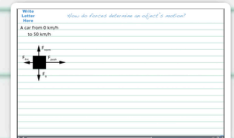
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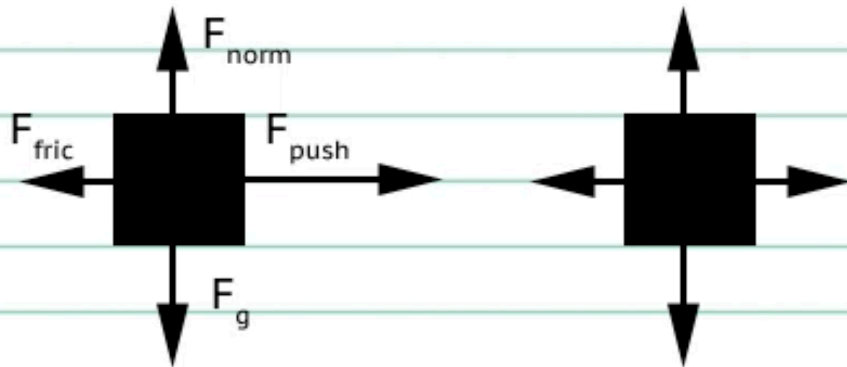


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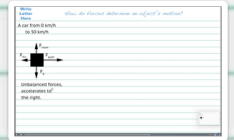
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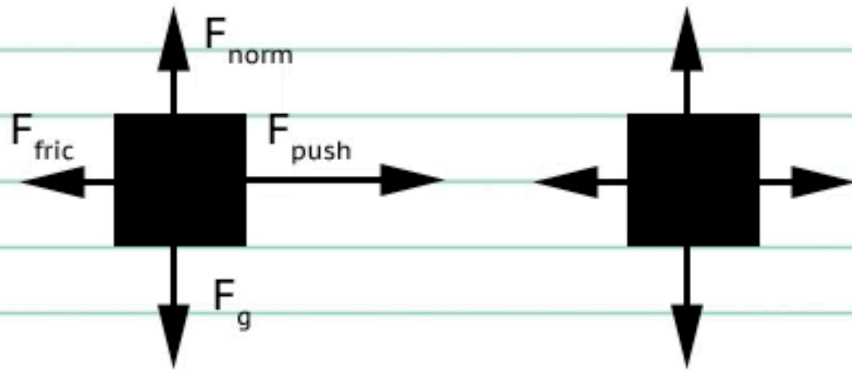


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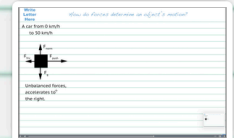
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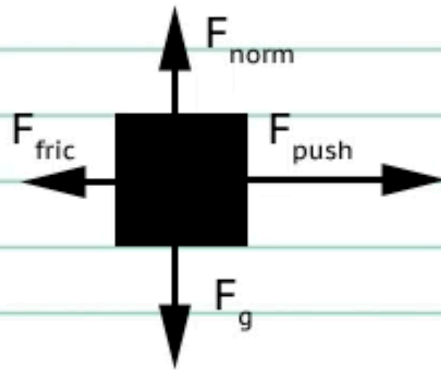
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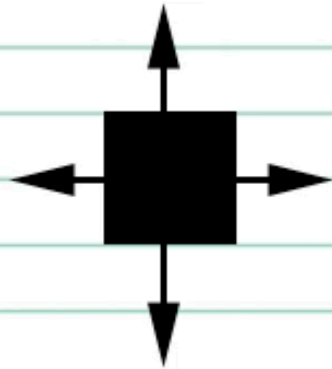
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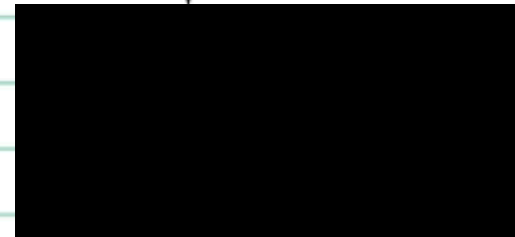
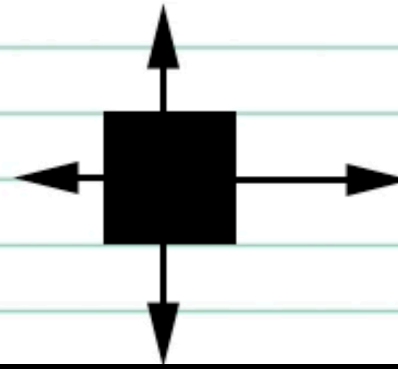
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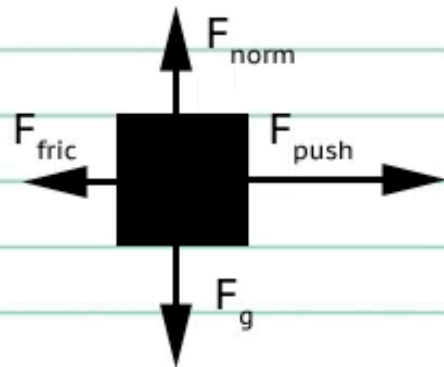
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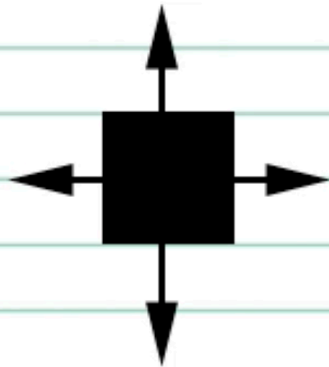
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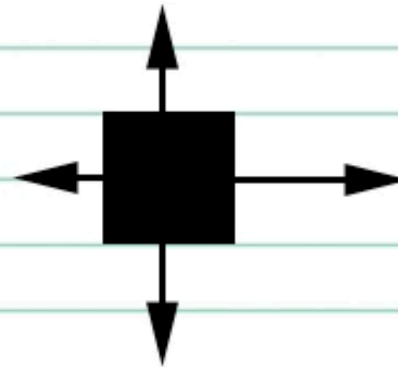
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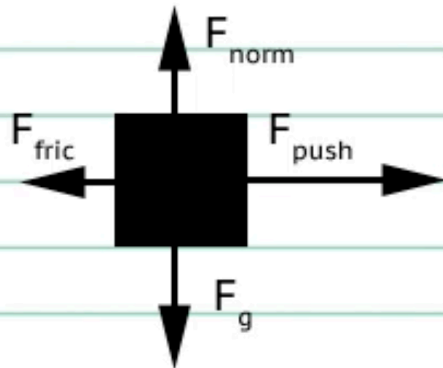
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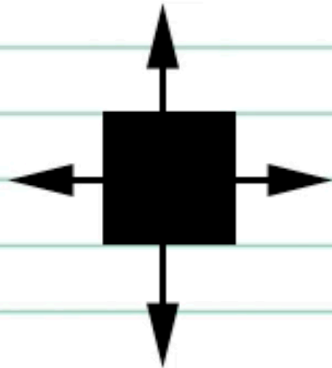
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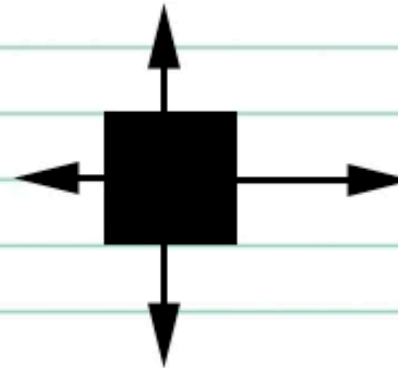
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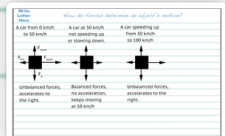
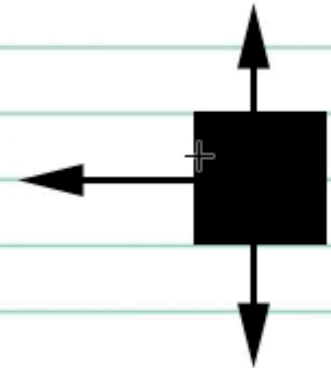
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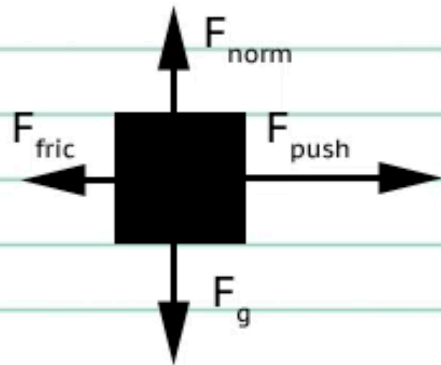
A car stopping  
(going from  
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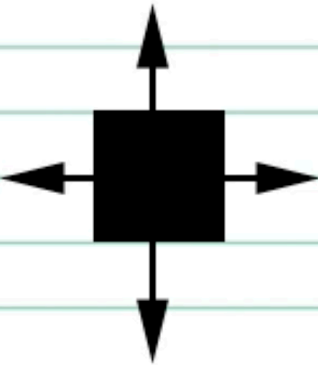
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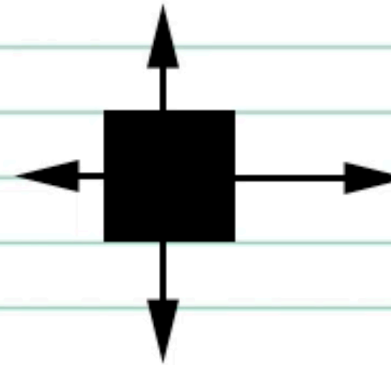
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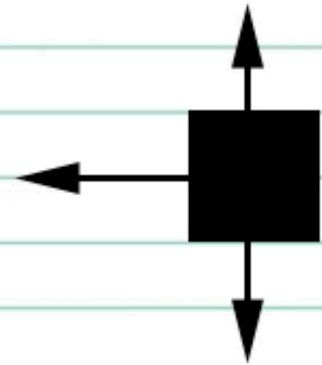
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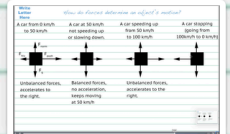


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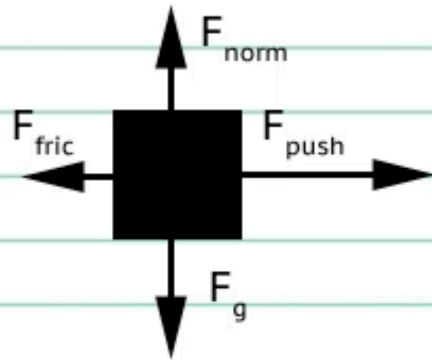
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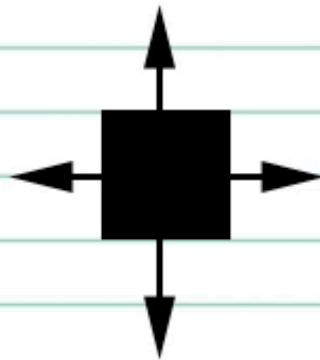
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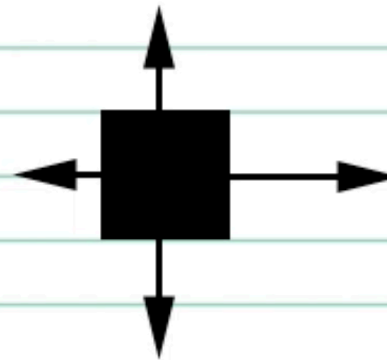
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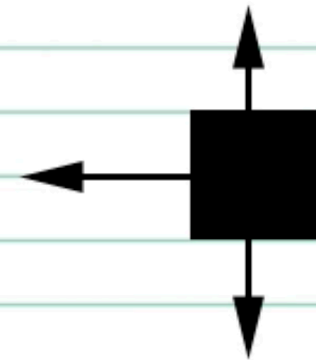
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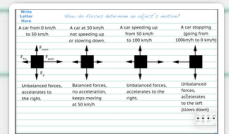
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- longer arrow = larger force; you must be careful how you draw!
- train your brain to look at left/right separately from up/down. Don't mix them up!
- the object moves in the direction of the **net force** (the force that is not balanced).



Video