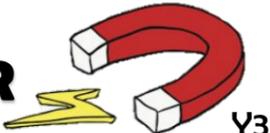


FORCES AND MAGNETS

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Overview



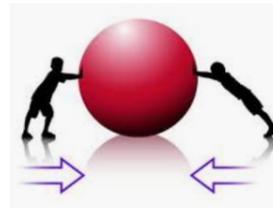
- Forces are pushes and pulls which make things move and stop moving.
- Most forces need contact between objects, but magnets can act at a distance.
- Magnets are made of materials that create a magnetic field (the area in space where the force of magnets can be detected).
- Magnets have at least one north pole and one south pole.
- Magnets can attract or repel one another. They attract some materials & not others.

Forces

What are forces?

-A force is the push or pull of an object in a particular direction.

-Forces are shown by arrows in diagrams. The bigger the arrow, the bigger the force. The direction of the arrow shows the direction of the force.



Pushes and Pulls



-A push is the force that moves an object away from something.

-A pull is the force that brings an object towards something.



-A push and a pull are opposite forces, moving objects in different directions.

Balanced and Unbalanced Forces

-If two forces are balanced, they are the same size but are acting in opposite directions. If the two forces are acting on an object, then its motion will not change.

-When two forces acting on objects are not equal in size, they are called unbalanced. Unbalanced forces change the way and/or speed that something is moving, e.g. they can make objects speed up/slow down.

Magnets

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 iron filings	 drinking straws

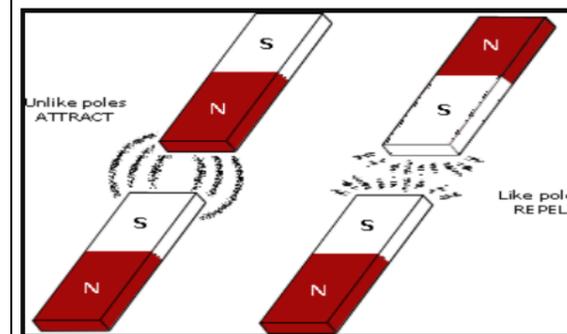
-A magnet is an object that is made of materials that create a magnetic field.

-Magnets create a 'magnetic force' – this is a force that causes objects to attract (pull closer together) or repel (push further apart).

-Unlike most other forces, 'magnetic force' does not require objects to touch one another – magnets can act at a distance.

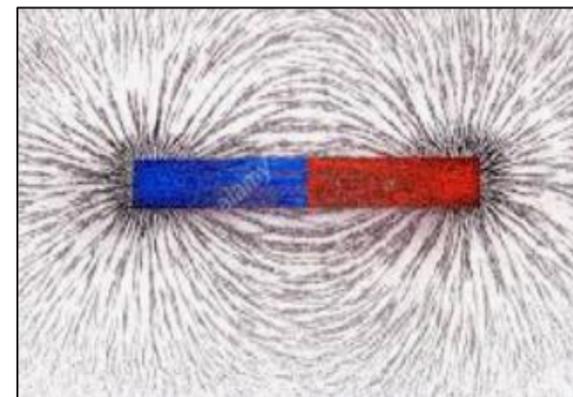
-Magnets have two poles – a north pole and a south pole.

-The north pole of one magnet will repel the north pole of another magnet. However, it will attract the south pole of another magnet.



Magnetic Fields

-A magnetic field is the area in which a magnetic force can be felt. A magnet will only attract or repel a magnetic object when it enters its magnetic field.



-Magnetic fields cannot be seen with the human eye. However, spreading iron filings over the magnetic field allows us to see the magnetic field, as the filings cling to it.

-Magnetic fields can pass through air. Some can even have an effect through solids and liquids (depending on the strength of the magnet).

Magnetic Materials

Non-Magnetic Materials

Iron

Steel

Nickel

Cobalt

Gadolinium

Copper

Gold

Rubber

Wood

Leather