



Learning Activity Sheet Quarter 3 for Science 3



Worksheet for Science Grade 7 Quarter 3: Lesson 3 (Week 3) SY 2024-2025

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I. Activity No. 3.1: Review on FBD and Net Force (15 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learner should be able to:

- a. draw the free-body diagram in the different situations
- b. determine the direction of the net force and state of motion (at rest, in motion) of the object

III. Materials Needed: pen

IV. Instructions:

- 1. Observe the situations illustrated below. Think of the forces that act on the identified object. Draw the free-body diagram and label all forces acting on the identified object in the sample situations. Remember that the length of the arrow represents the strength (or magnitude) of the force.
- 2. Determine the direction of the net force (right, left, up, down, or not applicable- NA) and state of motion of the object due to these forces (at rest, in motion: constant or changing speed)





Situation 1: A *lamp* on top of a table





Direction of Net Force: ______ State of Motion: _____





Situation 3: Kicking a soccer ball on a rough surface





Situation 4: Pushing a box along a smooth/ frictionless surface



State of Motion: _____ Direction of Net Force: _____ State of Motion: _____ Direction of Net Force: _____

V. Synthesis/Extended Practice/Differentiation

Answer the ff. guide questions:

- 1. Which situation/s provided above is/are at rest?
- 2. Which situation/s provided above is/are in motion?
- 3. Which situation/s provided above has/have a zero net force?
- 4. Which situation/s provided above has/have a nonzero net force?
- 5. How were you able to determine the direction of the net force?

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I. Activity No. 3.2: Let's pull each other (30 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learner should be able to differentiate balanced from unbalanced force through firsthand experience and observation after participating in the activity

III. Materials Needed: Rope, student players, proper attire, open space

IV. Instructions:



A. Preliminaries

- 1. The class will be divided into 4 groups with equal members. Each group should select a leader. For the elimination round, groups 1 and 2 will compete with groups 3 and 4 respectively. Whichever group wins in the elimination round, shall compete in the final round.
- 2. The teacher should be able to secure permission to conduct the activity in an open space such as grassland or gym.

B. Orientation of the Players

- 1. The learners should wear PE uniform, rubber shoes and cloth gloves.
- 2. The learners should be familiar with the objectives of the activity such as:
 - a. Pull the opposing group across the reference point or center line.
 - b. The group will win when any part of the opposite group's foot crosses the reference point or center line.
 - c. The player of the group who loses grip on the rope will be considered out.
- 3. Players should avoid excessive force and dangerous tactics during the game proper. The group can be disqualified if ever any of its players show unsafe behavior. Instead, focus on teamwork by having a good strategy through proper communication with group members.
- 4. Proper warm-up (stretching, joint mobility exercises, etc.) of about 5 minutes should be done by each group before they compete.
- 5. Always play fair and observe good sportsmanship.

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C. Game Proper Guidelines

- 1. Your teacher will mark a center line that serves as the reference point on the ground using colored chalk. They will demonstrate the proper way to hold the rope with appropriate body position. They will remind everyone to focus on teamwork, play fair, avoid excessive force and dangerous actions.
- 2. Let an equal number of players from each group hold the rope from opposite ends. The center of the rope should be above the reference point or center line.
- 3. Your teacher will make a loud sound (e.g. whistle, etc.) which signals the teams to start pulling on the rope.
- 4. When one group successfully pulls the other group across the reference point or center line, a winning group will be declared for the elimination round.
- 5. Repeat steps 1- 6 for the next elimination round.
- 6. The winning groups of the elimination rounds will compete for the final round.

D. Synthesis/Extended Practice/Differentiation

Reflect on your experience about the 'Let's pull each other' activity by answering the following questions:

1. In what instances did you observe balanced forces? Unbalanced forces?

2. What do you think is the best strategy to win this game?

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I. Activity No. 3.3: Balanced or Unbalanced Force? (10 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learners should be able to:

- a. identify real-life situations that show balanced or unbalanced forces
- b. determine the net force on an object and its state of motion
- c. describe balanced and unbalanced forces

III. Materials Needed: pen

IV. Instructions:

- 1. Identify which real-life situations show balanced or unbalanced forces.
- 2. Determine the **net force** (zero or nonzero) and **state of motion** (at rest, in motion: constant or changing speed)
- 3. Give a short description of the balanced and unbalanced forces in each situation.



BALANCED FORCES	UNBALANCED FORCES
Description:	Description:
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
Net Force (zero or nonzero):	Net Force (zero or nonzero):
State of Motion (at rest, in motion: constant or changing speed):	State of Motion (at rest, in motion: constant or changing speed):

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I. Activity No. 3.4: Balanced Exploration (20 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learners should be able to demonstrate balanced forces through a simple investigation

III. Materials Needed:

worksheet	pen
platform balance	set of standard masses
3 different objects for comparison	

IV. Instructions:

- 1. Place the platform balance on top of a level, sturdy table. Be sure that the pointer is aligned with the zero mark.
- 2. Determine the mass of each object for comparison by placing it carefully on the left pan and adding standard mass/es on the right pan until the pointer is aligned with the zero mark.
- 3. Draw the FBD and label all forces acting on each object.
- 4. Record the data and complete table 1.

Table 1. Measured masses of the different objects

Object	Mass	FBD	Net Force	Balanced or Unbalanced?
		×		
		×		

	×	
	y	

V. Synthesis/Extended Practice/Differentiation Guide Questions:

- 1. Is it acceptable to record the measured mass of an object using the platform balance if the pointer is not aligned with the zero mark? Why or why not?
- 2. How did you determine the mass of the object using a platform balance?
- 3. Why do you need to add standard masses to align the pointer with the zero mark?
- 4. What can you say about the net force acting on the object if the platform is balanced? Explain your answer.

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I. Activity No.3.5: Force and Motion Basics Experiment (25 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learners should be able to analyze the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces in a virtual experiment related to their firsthand experience.

III. Materials Needed:

Worksheet	Laptop/ tablet (optional)
Pen	Data/ Internet Connection (optional)

IV. Instructions:

1. Explore the Force and Motion: Basics Simulation (optional if you have a laptop and internet connection).



https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/forces-and-motion-basics/latest/forces-and-motion-basics_en.html

- 2. If the forces acting on the crate along the y-axis are always balanced, calculate the net force (tension and friction) along the x-axis. Use the appropriate sign convention for forces to the right/up (+) or left/down (-).
- 3. Write B and U if the forces along a specific axis are balanced or unbalanced respectively.
- 4. Describe the state of motion of the crate.
- 5. Analyze each situation, complete the data needed and answer the guide questions.

Situations	Net Force (x-axis)	Description of Motion	Balanced or unbalanced?
Left Force			
Left Force			
Left Force 200N S00N Right Force			
Left Force			
Left Force 350N 350N Right Force			

Guide questions:

- 1. What happens when the forces acting on the object are not balanced?
- 2. How do you know the direction of motion if the forces are unbalanced?
- 3. Based on the simulation, does changing the position of the players affect the net force?
- 4. What conditions result in balanced forces?

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I. Activity No. 3.6: Unbalanced Exploration (20 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learner should be able to demonstrate unbalanced forces through a simple investigation

III. Materials Needed:

worksheet	pen
single pulley	String
2 standard mass holder	standard masses
timer	

IV. Instructions:

Standard Masses on a pulley system

1. Attach different sets of standard masses similar to the setup below.



- 2. Position the standard masses at the same height and release it.
- 3. Observe the motion of the masses. Record the time it takes to move.
- 4. Draw the FBD and label all forces acting on each standard mass.
- Determine if the forces acting on each mass is balanced or unbalanced. Write B and U if the forces along a specific axis are balanced or unbalanced respectively.
- 6. Describe the motion of the system.

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7. Record the data and complete table 1.

Mass 1	Mass 2	FBD of mass 1 FBD of mass		Time	Description of motion	Balan Unbala	ced or inced?
50 g	100 a		t t			mass 1	mass 2
50 g	100 g						
		×	×				
		*	•				
		↓ y	↓ y				
150	=0	+	+				
150 g	50 g						
		×	×				
		*	*				
		↓ y	y y				
50	000	+ -	+ -				
50 g	200 g						
		×	×				
		· · · · · ·	*				
		↓ y	y y				

Table 1. Comparing standard masses

V. Synthesis/Extended Practice/Differentiation Guide Questions:

1. What happens when different standard masses will be attached to a pulley?

- 2. What must be the net force acting on different standard masses attached to a pulley?
- 3. What must be the net force acting on the same standard masses attached to a pulley?
- 4. What happens to the motion of the standard masses as you increase the difference of masses?
- 5. How do you know in which direction will the mass move towards?

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I. Activity No. 3.7: Rocket Sledder Interactive (25 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

- At the end of the activity, the learner should be able to:
- 1. explore the interactive simulation about balanced/ unbalanced forces
- 2. analyze and draw the FBD based on the different forces acting on the rocket sledder
- 3. calculate the net forces along x and y axes
- 4. differentiate the effect to the state of motion of balanced and unbalanced forces

III. Materials Needed:

Worksheet	Laptop/ tablet (optional)
Pen	Data/ Internet Connection (optional)

IV. Instructions:

1. Explore the Rocket Sledder Interactive (optional: if you have laptop and internet connection).



https://www.physicsclassroom.com/Physics-Interactives/Newtons-Laws/Rocket-Sledder/Rocket-Sledder-Interactive

- 2. Analyze each situation with the given values of the different forces acting on the rocket sledder.
- 3. Draw the FBD and calculate the net forces along x and y axes. Use the appropriate sign convention for forces to the right/up (+) or left/down (-).
- 4. Write **B** and **U** if the forces along a specific axis are balanced or unbalanced respectively.
- 5. Describe the motion of the rocket slender.
- 6. Complete the data and answer the guide questions.

Given	Rocket Sledder FBD	Net Force	Net Force	Balanced/ Unbalanced		Motion	
		(x-axis)	(y-axis)	(x-axis)	(y-axis)	description	
Normal Force 700 N Applied Force: 70 N Friction Force: 50 N Air Drag: 0 N Force of Gravity: 700 N	× y						
Normal Force 700 N Applied Force: 70 N Friction Force: 50 N Air Drag: 10 N Force of Gravity: 700 N	× y						
Normal Force 700 N Applied Force: 70 N Friction Force: 50 N Air Drag: 20 N Force of Gravity: 700 N	× v v						
Normal Force 700 N Applied Force: 100 N Friction Force: 50 N Air Drag: 20 N Force of Gravity: 700 N	× y						

Guide questions:

- 1. What happens to the motion of the rocket sledder when the air drag is the same as the applied force in a frictionless surface?
- 2. What happens to the motion of the rocket sledder when the net force is negative?
- 3. What happens to the motion of the rocket sledder when the net force is positive?
- 4. What happens to the motion of the rocket sledder when the sum of the air drag and friction is equivalent to the applied force?
- 5. Which forces are always balanced in all situations?

V. Synthesis/Extended Practice/Differentiation

Based on this activity, differentiate the effects to motion of balanced and unbalanced forces.

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I. Activity No.: 3.8 Simple Problem Solving (20 minutes)

II. Objective(s):

At the end of the activity, the learner should be able to:

- 1. analyze the FBD and calculate the net force along x and y axes
- 2. determine the effect of balanced or unbalanced forces to the state and direction of motion
- 3. categorize the specific situation from the given scenarios based on the completed data

III. Materials Needed: pen

IV. Instructions:

- 1. Analyze the free body diagram of the different situations.
- 2. Determine the following:
 - a. net force along x and y-axes (Please indicate NA if not applicable since no forces are present in specific axis)
 - b. state of motion (at rest, moving at constant speed, moving at changing speed)
 - c. direction of motion (Left/Right/Upward/ Downward/NA*)
- 3. Identify if the situation shows balanced or unbalanced forces along x- and y- axes.
- 4. Based on the completed data, match each situation in the template provided into the following activities
 - a. pulling a cart on a smooth surface
 - b. oven on top of a table
 - c. pushing a box on a rough surface
 - d. moving car at constant speed
 - e. falling skydiver

Free Body Diagram	Net Force	Net Force	State of Motion	State of Dire	Direction of	Balanced or Unbalanced	
	(x-axis)	(y-axis)		Motion	(x-axis)	(y-axis)	
Situation 1: F= 50 N F= 50 N							



*NA – Not Applicable