



## Newton's Third Law of Motion

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1. Newton's Third Law States...

- ☐ a) Objects in motion stay in motion and objects at rest stay at rest
- ☐ b) Force is equal to mass times acceleration
- ☐ c) For each action there is an equal and opposite reaction

2. An archer shoots an arrow. The action force is the bowstring against the arrow, the reaction force is...

- ☐ a) Air resistance against the bow
- ☐ b) the arrow's push against the bowstring
- ☐ c) the grip of the archer's hand on the bow

3. A baseball player bats a ball with a force of 1,000 N. The ball exerts a reaction force (without any additional forces action on it) against the bat of...

- ☐ a) Less than 1, 000 N
- ☐ b) 1,000 N
- ☐ c) More than 1,000 N

4. A rocket pushes exhaust 10, 000 N. Without any other forces acting on the rocket, how much force does the rocket go forward?

- ☐ a) 15,000 N
- ☐ b) 1,000 N
- ☐ c) 10, 000 N

5. What is the reaction force to a foot pushing down on the floor?

- ☐ a) The foot going through the floor
- ☐ b) The floor pushing back against the foot
- ☐ c) The floor breaking to the foot

6. According to Newton's Third law the strength or magnitude of forces will be...

- ☐ a) smaller ☐ b) equal  
☐ c) larger

7. A swimmer pushes on the water and the water pushes on the hand and the swimmer moves forward. What is the **ACTION** force?

- ☐ a) Swimmer pushes on the water ☐ b) the water pushes on the hand and the swimmer moves forward

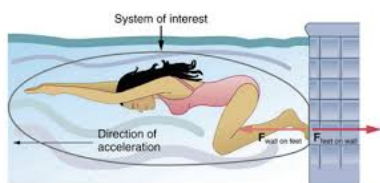
8. A swimmer pushes on the water and the water pushes on the hand and the swimmer moves forward. What is the **REACTION** force?

- ☐ a) Swimmer pushes on the water ☐ b) the water pushes on the hand and the swimmer moves forward

9. A bowling ball hits the pins and the pins fall over. What is the **ACTION** force?

- ☐ a) Bowling ball hitting pins ☐ b) Pins falling over

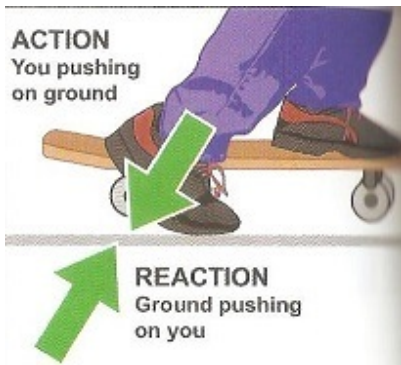
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The swimmer pushes off of the wall of the pool and moves forward. What is the **ACTION** in this example?

- ☐ a) Swimmer pushes off the wall of the pool ☐ b) Swimmer moves forward

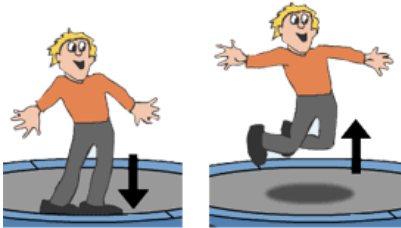
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If you apply MORE force to the ground what happens to the ground pushing on you?

- ☐ a) The force remains the same
- ☐ b) The force increases
- ☐ c) The force decreases

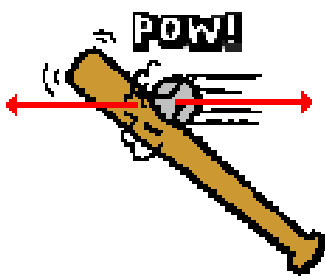
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If the gymnast decreases the force they exert on the trampoline, what will the reaction be?

- ☐ a) The gymnast will be pushed back by the trampoline with more force and go higher into the air
- ☐ b) The gymnast will be pushed back by the trampoline with less force and not go as high into the air
- ☐ c) No change will happen to the gymnast

13.



The baseball player wants to hit a homerun. What does he have to do to the force they exert on the ball?

- ☐ a) The baseball player will need to apply more force to the bat swinging at the ball
- ☐ b) The baseball player will need to apply less force to the bat swinging at the ball
- ☐ c) The baseball player should change nothing about his swing

14.



Katniss Everdeen applies 20 N of force back on her bow. What happens to the arrow when she lets go?

- ☐ a) The arrow goes backwards
- ☐ b) The arrow goes forwards with 20 N
- ☐ c) The arrow goes forwards with 30 N
- ☐ d) The arrow goes forwards with 0 N

**Answer Key**

1. c  
2. b  
3. b  
4. c

5. b  
6. b  
7. a  
8. b

9. a  
10. a  
11. b  
12. b

13. a  
14. b