Physics. You work it out.

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F3.1

A Level

How big is $3\,\mathrm{rad}$, when expressed in degrees to the nearest whole number?

Physics. You work it out.

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F3.8

A Level

A car travels $10\,\mathrm{km}$. One of its wheels has a radius of $30\,\mathrm{cm}$. Calculate the angle the wheel turns as the car travels this distance (answer in $\mathrm{radians}$ to 2 significant figures).

Gameboard:

STEM SMART Physics 23 - Circular motion

Physics. You work it out.

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F3.3

A Level

Complete the questions in the table by converting the units.

Time period / s	Frequency / Hz	Angular velocity / $\mathrm{rad\,s^{-1}}$	Revolutions per minute (rpm)
0.50	(a)	(b)	(c)

Part A Frequency

a) Frequency?

Part B Angular velocity

b) Angular velocity?

Part C Revolutions per minute

c) Revolutions per minute?

Gameboard:

STEM SMART Physics 23 - Circular motion

Physics. You work it out.

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F3.10

A Level

My washing machine has a spin speed of $1200\,\text{rpm}$, and a drum radius of $20\,\text{cm}$. Calculate how fast clothes go when up against the side of the drum when the machine is spinning. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

Gameboard:

STEM SMART Physics 23 - Circular motion

Physics. You work it out.

Centripetal Acceleration 1

A Level

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F4.1

Complete the questions in the table.

Speed / $\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$	Radius / m	Angular velocity / $\mathrm{rad\,s^{-1}}$	Centripetal acceleration / $\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$
	0.32	5.2	
2.1	0.070		
	30.0		9.8
		0.20	9.8
60	1200		

Physics. You work it out.

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F4.2

A Level

A car goes round a roundabout at $30.0\,\text{mph}$ ($13.4\,\text{m}\,\text{s}^{-1}$) on a circular path with a radius of $8.0\,\text{m}$. Calculate the centripetal acceleration.

Gameboard:

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Essential Pre-Uni Physics F4.5

A Level

C C C

A space station with an $8.0\,\mathrm{m}$ radius is spun to give the astronauts something which feels like gravity. If the centripetal acceleration is $9.8\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-2}}$, calculate the speed at which the walls rotate (in $\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$).

Gameboard:

STEM SMART Physics 23 - Circular motion

Physics. You work it out.

Essential Pre-Uni Physics F4.6

A Level

C C C

Calculate the centripetal force experienced by a $500\,\mathrm{g}$ pair of wet trousers when in the spin cycle of a washing machine with a $20\,\mathrm{cm}$ drum radius if it rotates at $1200\,\mathrm{rpm}$. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

Gameboard:

STEM SMART Physics 23 - Circular motion

Cornering on a Smooth Surface

A Level

C C C

A car of mass $m = 1000\,\mathrm{kg}$ is driven round a smooth circular track of radius $r = 250\,\mathrm{m}$ and takes a time $T = 30\,\mathrm{s}$ to complete one lap.

At what angle θ must the track be banked to counteract the tendency of the car to slip sideways?

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Gameboard:

STEM SMART Physics 23 - Circular motion

Geostationary Orbit

A Level

C C C

A satellite is to be placed in a circular orbit around the Earth.

The gravitational force F_A between the satellite and the Earth is in the inward radial direction and its magnitude is given by the equation

$$F_A = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$$

where $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}\,\mathrm{m^3\,kg^{-1}\,s^{-2}}$ is the gravitational constant; $M = 5.97 \times 10^{24}\,\mathrm{kg}$ and m are the masses of the Earth and the satellite respectively; and R is the radius of the orbit.

Use the information and data above to calculate the required radius of the orbit if the satellite is in a geostationary orbit (remains above the same point on the equator).

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