



Away You Go!

Procedure

- 1. Experiment** Stack several books on top of one another. Place one end of a wooden board at the edge of the stack of books to form a ramp.
- 2. Experiment** Hold a toy car at the top of the ramp. Do not push the car down the ramp. Allow it to roll by itself.
- 3. Measure** Measure the distance from the top of the ramp to the front end of the car at the location where the car stopped rolling. Record this distance below.

- 4. Compare** Repeat steps 2 and 3 using a wooden block instead of the toy car. Put the block onto the ramp, but do not push it down the ramp.

Conclusion

Write the answers to the questions below.

- 1. Infer** You put the toy car and wooden block onto the ramp. What caused the car and block to move down the ramp?

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2. Compare Which traveled farther—the toy car or the wooden block?

3. Hypothesize State why you think the toy car and wooden block traveled different distances.

Design an Experiment Repeat the experiment, but this time cover the ramp with a material such as sandpaper or plastic. How does the change in surface affect the distance traveled?

Guided Inquiry