MANAGING OUR NEED FOR SPEED (ALL AGES)

Ages 4 to 7 (Level 1)

Description: Learners will explore the theme of transportation with vehicles in the sea, land and air. Learners will explore how vehicles move and related regulations, before making their own dream vehicle.

Leading question: Can you make your vehicle?

Age group: 4 – 7 years

Subjects: Science, Geography and Art & Design

Total time required: ~ 5 hours over 5 days

Self-guided / Supervised activity: Medium Supervision

Resources required: Tub, Water, Paper, Tube and other scrap material

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Learners will think about the reasons that some objects sink and float

Example:
- Objects that are heavy sink
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Learners will re-try the experiment to test their reasons or hypothesis and make a new guess on how boats can float

Learners will make their own paper boats that float on the water using the following steps below:
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- Learners can blow on the boats with a straw and see how it pushes forward this is how sail boats move with the wind
- Learners will create their own rowing oars to explore how engine propellers help push the water and move forward

Learners will make their own oars with little toothpicks, popsicle sticks or straws etc. They should make sure the bottom of the oar has a broad and flat surface
### Learners will explore land vehicles and what causes them to slow down

Learners will start with making an illustrated and labelled list of land vehicles that they know about. They will think and try organize these in terms of speed from the fastest to the slowest land transportation for example:

- Train
- Motorbike
- Car
- Bus
- Cycle

### Learners will explore how different vehicles move to go faster and slower on different surfaces. They will also explore the importance of round wheels to help land motion.

Tip: For an extension activity, learners can explore the concept of friction. Friction is the resistance of motion when one object rubs against another. Anytime two objects rub against each other, they cause friction. Friction works against the motion and acts in the opposite direction – it is what causes objects to slow down unless pushed. Any object that rubs against another object causes friction, for example even if you rub your hands together that causes friction.
Learners can move a square or rectangular block or a triangular shaped object – these can be constantly pushed with force, but these cannot be rolled. Learners can try the same with a circular tube to see how it rolls forward more easily with less force.

Learners will design different roads to reduce resistance (or friction). Is it easier for the vehicle to move faster when the ground is bumpy or uneven?

Learners will make a guess and then test whether they think a tube or a toy car can move faster on different surfaces and roads. The surfaces on which the vehicle moves faster with less force has less resistance (or friction)

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Learners will explore why they think some surfaces increase or decrease the resistance (friction) and share an answer with their parents.

Now that we have learned how to design the fastest plane, boat and car – it might be quite dangerous. Did you know that one person gets hurt every 25 seconds because of a road accident? Let’s try and think of all the rules and regulations associated with transportation and also the professions.

Land Vehicles: Learners will explore all traffic rules and as a traffic police they will make 5 relevant signs and lights that help slow down land transportation to prevent accidents. Learners can design their own signs that they think will be more effective in preventing accidents. For example:
- Red, yellow and green light,
- Stop sign
- School zone sign
- Zebra crossing
- Speed limit sign
| 20 minutes | Learners will think about traffic in the water and the people that will help in managing this. Learners can make their own lighthouse to help the boats navigate in the darkness.

A lighthouse is a tall structure that can help boats find their way in the darkness since it has a light on the top. The lighthouse can also help if boats signal with any issues

Learners can make these with empty toilet paper rolls, tubes and paper |
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| 20 minutes | Learners can now pretend to be the air-traffic controller and help planes with when to “take-off”, land or where to fly to make sure that planes do not crash into each other. They will think of the shortest and clearest message that they can convey to pilots on the phone to make sure that there are no issues

**Literacy extension:** Learners can write, or role play the key messages for any one or three of the scenarios below. Learners will need to think about the key messages to share and a clear and short way to communicate it. Options:
- Someone booking a railway ticket on the phone (Key points: i) Origin and Destination - From where to where are they travelling; ii) Date and timing; iii) Name of the train; iv) Class of travel; v) Number of passengers)
- A captain on a ship letting the ship crew know about a storm (Key points: i) Details on the storm – intensity of the storm; ii) What should the crew be doing; iii) What safety precautions can we take etc.)
- An announcement from the pilot in the plane (Key points: i) Destination – where are they travelling; ii) Travel – how long is the flight and what will the weather be; iii) Safety procedures - seatbelt, walking in the plane etc.) |
| 5 minutes | Learners will imagine and create their own vehicle that combines all the science principles that they have learnt till now and is:

- Anti-gravity
- Floating
- Low friction (resistance)

Learners will describe the features of this vehicle through illustrations or writing: |
- How can we make sure that the vehicle stay in the air and not fall to the ground with gravity?
- What will make the vehicle stay afloat in the water?
- How can the vehicle face the least friction to move forward with the most speed with the least amount of effort?

Learners will think of the purpose of the vehicle e.g. is it to help sick people get to the airport fast like an ambulance, is it a moving school etc.

Learners will draw their vehicle and label it and share it with their family and also explain the relevant features to make it work best on land, water and air.

**Assessment Criteria:**
- Creativity in the final vehicle designed, including the purpose
- Demonstration of understanding of core physics concepts
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- Learners hypothesis and guesses with reasons explaining the project phenomena

**Learning outcomes:**
- Grasping the initial ideas of the physics concepts of gravity, force, motion, sinking-floating, wind
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- Understand the importance of transportation safety rules and regulations and related professions

**Required previous learning:**
- Beginners understanding of science experiments and hypothesis

**Inspiration:**
None

**Additional enrichment activities:**
None

**Modifications to simplify the project tasks if need be:**
- Learners can test the concepts of friction and sinking and floating by designing their own boat and testing the cars and then design their own vehicle

**Ages 8 to 10 (Level 2)**

**Description:**
Learners will explore the theme of transportation with vehicles in the sea, land and air. Learners will explore how vehicles move and related regulations, before making their own dream vehicle.

**Leading question:**
Can you make your fastest dream vehicle?

**Age group:**
8 – 10 years

**Subjects:**
Science, Geography and Art & Design

**Total time required:**
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Literacy Extension: Learners will write an essay with the title of: A world without gravity! Let your imagination run free - thinking about a world where nothing stays down. You and everything around you could float and fly!

| 2 minutes  | Learners will start with making the list with water vehicles that they know about. They will think about the different types of water bodies like lakes, rivers and seas the different reasons people would be on water vehicles |
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Learners will now explore that neither size nor weight, sinking or floating has to do with a concept called density. Density is a measure of how compact the mass in a substance or object is or densely things are packed. Any object with a density higher than water will sink and anything with density less than water will float.

Learners will explore putting an orange in a glass or tub of water and see that it floats. They will now peel the same orange and put it in the same glass or tub water and see that it sinks. This is even though the orange is the same size and weight, because there is air between the orange peel and the orange reducing its density so it floats! The orange without the peel has more density than water, so it sinks!

Learners will re-try the experiment to test their reasons or hypothesis and make a new guess on how boats can float.

Numeracy Extension: Learners will calculate the percentage of times that their hypothesis was right. Hint: (Total number of right answers divided by the total number of objects) multiplied by 100

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Learners will make a guess and then test whether they think a tube, or a toy car can move faster on different surfaces and roads. The surfaces on which the vehicle moves faster with less force has lower friction. It is important that learners need to apply the same level of force or push the vehicles with the same amount of strength.

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Numeracy extension: Learners can make a bar chart depicting the number of times their hypothesis was right and the number of times it was wrong.

Learners will explore why they think some surfaces increase or decrease the friction and write their reasons.

Learners will design a ramp which is just a slide that can be made with a book on any flat surface that is at an incline:
- How much effort / force needs to be applied to help it go down?
- How much effort / force needs to be applied to help it go up?

Now that we have learned how to design vehicles that can go really fast, it might also be dangerous. So, let us understand the rules that help us manage the speed.

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For example: Can it be a boat, which has folded in wings to be a plane that can be placed on wheels?

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### Required previous learning:
Knowledge of conducting and writing science experiments

### Inspiration:
None

### Additional enrichment activities:
Learners can explore creating their own moving car with rubber-bands as in Level 3 of the same project

### Modifications to simplify the project tasks if need be
Learners can test the concepts of friction and sinking and floating by designing their own boat and testing the cars and then design their own vehicle

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**WORKSHEET 1**

*Can you summarize the following instructions between a pilot and air traffic controller*

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Example:

**Long Form:** Hello, I am testing the sound system. Pilot Sam, can you hear me?

**Short Form / Summary:** Mic, check testing.

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Can you summarize the following communication between the pilot and the air control tower

Question 5:

Long Form: Thank you, Air Controller – Since we flew for 10 hours, we only have 5 litres of fuel left and maybe we can circle one more time for another 3 minutes and then we will have to land. I suggest you ask the other planes to wait

Key Messages:

Short Form / Summary:

WORKSHEET 2

Directions: Read each passage

1. Create a title for the passage related to the main idea.
2. Accurately summarize the text.
3. Your summary must describe all key ideas from the text.
4. Do not include opinions or personal info in your summary.
5. Highlight or underline key ideas in the passage

Example:

Long Form: There was a grumble in the air and dark clouds forming, the captain on the ship looked up at the sky. The captain had his hands folded and was wearing a rather worried expression while he muttered to himself. The mild breeze that was blowing against the sail through the afternoon, was now a strong gusty wind and the entire ship was rocking from side to side. The sea waves were beginning to rise and crash into the ship, sometimes coming over the deck

Main Idea: There was a storm and the captain was worried

Short Form: There was a storm forming and the captain of the ship was worried. The wind was stronger than the afternoon and rocking the boat and the sea waves were coming over the deck.

Paragraph 1: Imagine a herd of elephants almost flies past you at sixty miles per hour, followed by a streak of tigers, a pride of lions, and a bunch of clowns. What do you see? It must be a circus train! As early as 1871, people started using trains to have a moving circus from city to city. Before circus trains, it would be difficult for people to move the animals, performers, and equipment with a team of more than 600 horses. Since there were no highways, these journey were tough and took a long time. Circuses would stop at many small towns between the large venues. Performing at many of these small towns did not make a lot of sense or make money for the circus. It was difficult for the circus to become too big because of these issues until they started using trains and reaching many of the big cities for big
audiences. These performances were much more profitable and the profits went toward creating an even bigger and better circus. Multiple rings were added and the show went on. Today, Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus still rely on the circus train to transport their astounding show.

Main Idea of the Passage:

Summary:

Paragraph 2: I am trying to test the sound system and checking that you are able to hear and understand me clearly. I am speaking from the main air controller tower in the Dhaka airport and my name is Ron. My job is to make sure that only one plane at a time is taking off from the runway at a time to make sure that planes do not crash. Since you cannot see the other planes that might be ready to take off or land, I will coordinate between all of us. There are many planes waiting to take off and since there is only one runway to be used, we think it is better for you to not land right now. I understand that you have come from far away, so I want to make sure that you have enough fuel in the tanker to be able to stay in the air for some time. We want to make sure that another three flights take off before so that the passengers on the flight do not get very late to their destination.

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Summary:
Ages 11 to 14 (Level 3)

| Description: | Learners will explore designing the fastest vehicles on the land, water and air through physics concepts. Learners will explore how vehicles move and related regulations, before making their own dream vehicle |
| Leading question: | Can you make your own transportation vehicle? |
| Age group: | 11 – 14 years |
| Subjects: | Science, Geography and Art & Design |
| Total time required: | ~ 5 hours over 5 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | Medium Supervision |
| Resources required: | Tub, Water, Paper, Tube and other scrap material |

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<td>Learners will explore vehicles that travel through water, air and land and what helps them move</td>
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<td>Learners will make an illustrated and labelled list of vehicles in the water, air and land and also organize these based on when they think they were invented. Learners will write and illustrate the different reasons people would use water vehicles e.g. fishing, navy, transportation, pearl diving etc.</td>
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<td>Learners will explore the concept of sinking and floating on water bodies. Learners will fill a tub with water and experiment with a few different objects based on their mass, volume, shape, and material. Learners will first make a hypothesis (guess) on what will happen with the object, then record the result and state a conclusion</td>
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Definitions: Mass is a measurement of the amount of matter an object contains, while volume is the amount of space it occupies. In Worksheet 1: Density & Floating, learners will choose 8 objects based on their Volume, Mass, Shape, and Material; and try to see if these sink or float.

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Learners will think about the reasons that some objects sink and float?
- Is the volume what makes an object sink? Think of boats and ships, they can be of different volumes.
- Do all heavy objects sink? Think of boats and ships who can be massive.
- For an object that sinks, can we make it float if we changed its shape? (ex: a metallic coin would sink, but what if we were able to melt it and make it in the shape of a boat?)
Input: Density is how heavy an object is compared to its volume. Density is the ratio of Mass to Volume and is calculated by dividing the mass over the volume. If an object is denser than water, it will sink in water and if the object is less dense than water it will float.

The key to floating is being lighter than water for your size. If you can add surface area to an object without adding much weight, the object will be lighter relative to its size. This means that the density of the overall object will decrease and be more likely to float. This is why wearing a light life jacket adds size but not weight and helps people float. Even our body: if we form the shape of a ball, our body would sink in water. In order to float, we must stretch our arms and legs.

Tip: Things float when they are positively buoyant, or less dense than the fluid in which they are sitting. This does not mean that an object has to be lighter than the fluid, as in the case of a boat; objects just need to have a greater ratio of mass to volume (including the empty space enclosed within a boat) than the fluid.

(https://www.seaperch.org/how_things_float)

Learners will fill out Worksheet 2: Displacement (appendix)

There is still something unexplained, why does a large and heavy ship float?

Learners will explore the Archimedes principle of displacement

Learners will take a piece of foil (20 cms by 20 cms) and fold in the edges to form a square to ensure that the boat is stronger, pull up the sides of the square to form a container and add in different small objects (e.g. uncooked chickpeas, marbles, little pebbles etc.) into the foil boat and test whether the boat sinks or floats.

Try a few different tests:
- Does it matter how much foil you use and how big the container is?
- Does it matter where in the container you place the weight?
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| 10 minutes | Input from Parent/Educator: This is the Archimedes principle: Things float in water because of the force of buoyancy or up-thrust. When we place the boat into the water, it pushes some water out of the way and the water pushes back on the object. If the weight of the water displaced is more than the weight of the boat then it will float because the force of the water pushing up is greater than the force of the boat pushing down. 

Learners will write down the weight of the various objects placed in the foil boat and the consequences of floating and sinking. Learners will fill the related science experiment sheet. For those that do not have a weighing scale, learners can estimate the weights by lifting the object. 

- Ask a question  
- Form a hypothesis  
- Plan the procedure and conduct an experiment  
- Record data  
- State a conclusion  

Learners can make their own paper boats following steps below and float it in water |

| 20 minutes | Learners will explore how to make a fast-moving land vehicle by exploring the concept of friction, force, motion and inertia  

Learners will explore the concept of friction and the importance of wheels to help most land motion. Friction is the resistance of motion when one object rubs against another. Anytime two objects rub against each other, they cause friction. Friction works against the motion and acts in the opposite direction – it is what causes objects to slow down unless pushed. Any object that rubs against another object causes friction, for example even if you rub your hands together that causes friction. |
Learners will try and experiment to understand friction better. They will insert a pencil into a glass or jar full of uncooked rice or sand. Push the pencil in and pull it out of the rice by slowly compacting the rice and pushing the air out of the jar. The more contact there is will increase the friction – eventually you can hold up the jar with the pencil. The force of this friction is more than the force of gravity.

Learners will make a guess and then test whether they think a tube, or a toy car can move faster on different surfaces and roads. The surfaces on which the vehicle moves faster with less force has lower friction. Learners will make a hypothesis, test and capture the evidence from the experiment and then write their conclusion.

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<td>The vehicle moves faster since there is less friction or resistance</td>
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There is another reason that the movement of object is affected, which is that of Inertia: All objects try to stay in one place unless a force makes them travel somewhere else.

Hold a ball and run, while running just place the ball on the ground. Will it stay still, or will it continue moving?

Try sitting on a carpet / mat and ask a family member to quickly pull the carpet / mat while you are sitting on it. The reason your body jerks is because of inertia your body tries to stay in the resting phase while the mat gets pulled and forces you to move forward. This resistance of your body to moving forward is called inertia.

Learners can try the magician’s trick of pulling a tablecloth quickly from under cutlery and crockery (it is better to try unbreakable items). If the tablecloth is pulled in a swift motion and not an angle, then the objects on the table will land in the same place.

Learners will design their own rubber-band car

*DIY-RUBBER BAND RACER*

Step 1: Bore hole in two straws that are placed in parallel lines, and insert the toothpick or small piece of wood through these two holes and secure it (this is the inner stick)
Step 2: Bore another hole on both ends of the parallel straws and insert a larger stick (e.g. a chopstick or kebab stick) and secure this into the “tyres of the car” (this is the outer stick)

On the front outer stick insert and securely fasten a small piece of wood like a nail

Step 3: Tie or fasten a rubber-band to the inner back stick and hook this to the front nail

Step 4: Pull and release the rubber-band and see your car move forward

Input: By pulling and stretching the rubber-band you can store energy known as potential energy – when you release the rubber-band the energy is released to kinetic force which makes the car move forward

Learners will explore the concept of air travel and what makes planes fly by exploring the concept of gravity, thrust, lift and drag

Learners will explore the concept of gravity. Any object that is left in mid-air will fall to the ground because of a force of the earth called gravity. Gravity is defined as a
force which tries to pull two objects toward each other. Anything which has mass also has a gravitational pull. Earth’s gravity is what keeps you on the ground and what causes objects to fall.

Learners will explore the speed and force of a gravitational pull trying objects of different mass and seeing what falls faster and slower to the ground. Learners can use any 5 household objects that are unbreakable and time the fall. Learners will make a hypothesis on what objects faster and slower and make a conclusion.

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Learners will then discover the more massive an object is, the stronger its gravitational pull is.

Learners will make their own paper plane following the steps of:

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

Learners will try 3 experiments to see what helps the plane fly the longest:

- Lift is the force that opposes the weight of the plane to help the plane stay up.
- Drag is the force, which delays or slows the forward movement of an airplane through the air. Drag opposes thrust which is the force that helps the plane move forward.
- Mass and Lift that creates more mass and increases the force of gravity.

Learners will create an observation sheet for the three experiments.
To test thrust: Learners will now throw this plane forward and see it take flight. When you throw a paper plane in the air, you are giving the plane a push to move forward. That push is a type of force called thrust. Thrust can also be achieved by a rotating fan or the flapping wings of a bird. Learners will measure the distance of flight 1

Learners will now create drag, in order to do this the more surface area exposed to rushing air, the greater the drag. Learners can cut four flaps at the back of the paper airplane, two of these will be folded up and two will be folded down this will cause more surface area to the air and create more drag. Learners will now measure the distance of flight 2

Learners will now change the paper of the paper plane to a thicker paper or add a small object on the top to increase the weight and the force of gravity and decrease the lift. Learners will now measure the distance of flight 3

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### Concept | Distance | Conclusion
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Flight 1: Thrust |  |  
Flight 2: Drag |  |  
Flight 3: Mass and Lift |  |  

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**Numeracy extension:** Measure the average distance covered by the flight on the ground and create a bar graph. Label the x-axis the flight attempts and the y-axis the distance. (If the learner does not have tools to measure distance, they can measure with the number of footsteps etc.)

Learners can also calculate the speed with the following formula: \( \text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} \). To calculate this, the learners will measure the distance the plane flies in each event and divide it by the time it took.

| 4 | 40 minutes | While we are trying to design the fastest vehicle, we do need to think about safety. Around the world, 2 people die every minute because of road crashes.

Imagine that you are the road safety department or traffic police.

- Can you write a report to the government with specific policies and laws that can be implemented to reduce the number of accidents?

It is important to consider that the report needs to:

- Grab the attention of the government official reading it
- Identify the major reasons for car accidents (if learners do not have access to information on this, they can think of reasons by discussing these with family members)
- Suggest clear policies or laws
- Give an implementation plan

Can you write and illustrate an advertisement banner to convince drivers to be more careful?

It is important to consider that the advertisement campaign should:

- Be “catchy” so people look at it and remember it
- Have a clear and actionable message
- Be simple and easy to do

| 5 | 1 hour | Learners will use all the principles that they have learnt to design and create their own super vehicle.

Learners will need to:

- Think of the purpose of the vehicle
- Determine whether this is a land, water and / or air vehicle or a combination of the above
- Identify how the works based on the principles learnt – learners can explain these for example: How will the vehicle work with relation to gravity, thrust, displacement, density, friction and inertia to move efficiently and fast?
- Create measures to ensure safety and security

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Assessment Criteria:
- Creativity and thoughtfulness in designing and creating their own vehicle
- Attractiveness of and clarity of the messaging of the ad campaign and government report
- Understanding and applying the physics principles of gravity, thrust, lift, drag, density, force, inertia and displacement
- Working on a scientific process of hypothesis, experiments and conclusions

Learning outcomes:
- Physics principles of gravity, thrust, lift, drag, density, force, inertia and displacement
- Scientific processes of hypothesis, evidence and conclusions
- Creativity in designing and creating their own vehicles

Required previous learning: None

Inspiration: Fizzicseducation.com

Additional enrichment activities:
Exploring Newton’s Third Law of Motion by designing a boat’s rowing oar as a fulcrum

Modifications to simplify the project tasks if need be

WORKSHEET 1: DENSITY & FLOATING

Worksheet 1: Density

Definition: Density is the mass of an object compared to its volume, if an object is denser than water it will sink in water and if it is not it will float

Example
Object I: Coin
Mass: High / Low
Volume: Large / Small
Shape: compact flat disc
Material: metal
Hypothesis: It will float
Evidence from the Experiment: Sank
Conclusion: The density of the coin is more than the density of water.

Object 1: ______________________________________________________________
Mass: High / Low
Volume: Large / Small
Shape: 
Material: 
Hypothesis: ______________________________________________________________
Evidence from the Experiment: ____________________________________________
Conclusion: _____________________________________________________________

Object 2: ______________________________________________________________
Mass: High / Low
Volume: Large / Small
Shape: 
Material: 
Hypothesis: ______________________________________________________________
Evidence from the Experiment: ____________________________________________
Conclusion: _____________________________________________________________

Object 3: ______________________________________________________________
Mass: High / Low
Volume: Large / Small
Shape: 
Material: 

Hypothesis: ______________________________________________________________________
Evidence from the Experiment: ______________________________________________________________________
Conclusion: ______________________________________________________________________

Object 4: ______________________________________________________________________
Mass: High / Low
Volume: Large / Small
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Hypothesis: ______________________________________________________________________
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Object 5: ______________________________________________________________________
Mass: High / Low
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Object 6: ______________________________________________________________________
Mass: High / Low
Volume: Large / Small
Shape:
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Hypothesis: ________________________________________________________________

Evidence from the Experiment: _____________________________________________

Conclusion: ______________________________________________________________

Object 7: __________________________________________________________________

Mass: High / Low

Volume: Large / Small

Shape:

Material:

Hypothesis: ________________________________________________________________

Evidence from the Experiment: _____________________________________________

Conclusion: ______________________________________________________________

Object 8: __________________________________________________________________

Mass: High / Low

Volume: Large / Small

Shape:

Material:

Hypothesis: ________________________________________________________________

Evidence from the Experiment: _____________________________________________

Conclusion: ______________________________________________________________

WORKSHEET 2: DISPLACEMENT

Worksheet 2: Displacement Experiment

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**Definition:** Things float in water because of the up-thrust force or buoyancy. When we place an object in water, it displaces some water out of the way and the water pushes back on the object. If the weight of the object is less than the weight of the water displaced, it will float otherwise it will sink.

- Ask a question:

- Form a hypothesis:

- Plan the procedure and conduct an experiment:

- Record data:

- State a conclusion: