

## ACT Preparation- Pulling Forces



1. The first experiment compares mass to force.
2. Based on Figure 1, how much force is required to pull a 2.00 kg block? 10N
3. What is the unit used for force? N
4. For each 1 kg increase in mass of the block, what is the increase in force? 5N
5. What force is required to pull 2.00 kg? 10N
6. What mass is pulled by a force of 20 N? 4 kg
7. The graph has 3 known data points graphed: a mass of 1.00 kg, 2.00kg, and 4.00 kg. But the graph can also be used to find the force on other masses. **Interpolation** is the process of reading a graph between two *known* data points. What is the pulling force required for a mass of 1.50 kg? 7.5N (between 7 & 8) What is the pulling force required for a mass of 3.25 kg? 16.25 (about 16)
8. **Extrapolation** is the process of reading a graph *beyond* the known data. For instance, what would be the pulling force required for a mass of 4.50 kg? 22.5 (about 22 or 23)
9. Figure 1 shown different masses being pulled with different forces. But Figure 2 shows different masses being pulled with the same force (30N)
10. In figure 2, what force is used to pull the 2.50 kg block? 30N
11. In figure 2, what is the speed of the 2.00 kg block after it has been pulled for 3.00 seconds? 30 m/s
12. In figure 2, what is the speed of the 3.00 kg block after it has been pulled for 1 second? 5 m/s
13. In figure 2, how long does it take each block to reach a speed of 20.00 m/s?
  - a. The 2 kg block 2.00 sec
  - b. The 2.5 kg block about 2.7
  - c. The 3 kg block it never reached 20 m/s



14. Make a conjecture about the speed of a 3.00 kg block after it has been pulled for 4 seconds.

Speed = 20 m/s

15. Make a conjecture about the speed of a 2.50 kg block after it has been pulled for 4 seconds.

Speed = 27 m/s  
*about*

16. In the previous 2 questions, what does the word "conjecture" mean? *a prediction based on data*

17. In questions 14 & 15, did you need to interpolate or extrapolate? extrapolate Explain your answer. *You had to extend beyond known data*

18. For Figure 1, let  $m$  = block mass and let  $F$  = pulling force. Write an equation that shows the relationship between  $F$  and  $m$ .

$$F = 5m$$

For Figure 2, each block shows a changing speed. The term for a change in speed is *acceleration*.

The formula for acceleration is  $acceleration = \frac{s_2 - s_1}{t_2 - t_1}$

19. For the 2.00 kg block: let  $t_1 = 1.00$  sec,  $s_1 = \underline{10 \text{ m/s}}$ ; let  $t_2 = 2.00$  sec,  $s_2 = \underline{20 \text{ m/s}}$ .

20. Use the data in the previous question to calculate the acceleration of the 2.00 kg block. Use the formula for acceleration.

$$acc = \frac{20 \text{ m/s} - 10 \text{ m/s}}{2 \text{ s} - 1 \text{ s}} = \frac{10 \text{ m/s}}{1 \text{ s}} = \underline{10 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

21. For the 2.50 kg block: let  $t_1 = 2.00$  sec,  $s_1 = \underline{14 \text{ m/s}}$ ; let  $t_2 = 3.00$  sec,  $s_2 = \underline{22 \text{ m/s}}$

22. Use the data in the previous question to calculate the acceleration of the 2.50 kg block. Use the formula for acceleration.

$$acc = \frac{22 \text{ m/s} - 14 \text{ m/s}}{3 \text{ s} - 2 \text{ s}} = \frac{8 \text{ m/s}}{1 \text{ s}} = 8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

23. Do the blocks of different mass appear to have the same acceleration? NO Why do you think this is so?

- 1) The slopes are different, not changing by the same amount.
- 2) Also #20 + 22 have different accelerations.



ACT Preparation- Wet Deposition



1. How do  $Cu^{2+}$  and  $Zn^{2+}$  get into the atmosphere? *high temperature Combustion*
2. What is the meaning of the meaning of the word *respectively* at the end of the first paragraph?
3. What does table 1 show? *precipitation per month*  
*Cl<sup>-</sup> is road-salt dust, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> is electrical power*
4. How was the data in table 1 collected? *a rain gauge on a roof*
5. According to Figure 2, how many micrograms of  $Cu^{2+}$  were collected July? *about 40*
6. According to Figure 2, which month had the most  $Zn^{2+}$  collected? *January*
7. Compare and contrast Figure 2 and Figure 3. *many similarities. Very different # on vertical axis,*
8. In Study 3, how many different collect sites were used to collect data? *3*
9. The vertical axis on Figure 4 has a break in the vertical line at the 1000 mark. What does that break mean? (Hint: look at the numbers on the axis.) *The numbering below is every 200, above it every 1000.*
10. Question #8 asks for an average. Normally an average is found by adding up several numbers and dividing by the total. But that is not necessary in this case. How else can you find the average? *Just look at the plots the graph. Notice that most of them fall in a certain range. Look at the choices. Choose the one that makes sense.*
11. According to Study 3, what happens to the amount of wet deposition as you move closer to the city? *it increases*
12. Compare the amount of precipitation (Figure 1) and the amount of ions collected (Figures 2 & 3). Do the data show that an increase in precipitation also means an increase in wet deposition? Explain why or why not. *No. Jan + Feb showed the most rain (figure 1) but Fig 2+3 do not show highest amount of ions in January + February.*

Mark each as a variable or a control in Study 1. Use V for variable and C for control.

13. C location
14. V amount of precipitation
15. V amount of deposition



ACT Preparation- Cloud Cover



1. According to Table 1, does an increase in cosmic rays correspond to an increase or decrease in cloud cover?

*inc. cosmic rays → inc. cloud cover*

2. Figures 1-3 all the same labels on horizontal and vertical axes. But there is a significant difference between the 3 figures. What is the difference?

*The cloud height (read axis) (on left)*

3. Consider Figure 1. If you want to know the monthly average cloud cover, which line should you look at? broken line --- Which vertical axis would you look at, the one on the left or the right of the graph? left

4. RCRF does not measure the total amount of cosmic rays. What does it measure?

*Relative cosmic ray flux, compared to October 1, 1965*

5. What do you think is the significance of October 1, 1965?

*There was a powerful solar flare*

6. Which figure supports the statement "An increase in RCRF corresponds to an increase in cloud cover." Figure 3 Explain your answer.

*The peaks are together, as one increases the other increases.*

7. What new information is introduced in question #17?

*high clouds primarily ice, low clouds primarily water.*



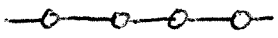




ACT Preparation- Fruit Flies



Fruit Flies Experiment

Study 1

1. What does SY stand for? sugar yeast
2. Identify the contents of each test tube :
  - a. Tube 1 15% SY medium
  - b. Tube 2 15% SY and yeast odors
  - c. Tube 3 15% SY and live yeast
3. Which test tube was the control? 1 How do you know? Nothing else was added to it.
4. What were the variables in Study 1? yeast odor & live yeast
5. Why were virgin fruit flies used in this experiment? What could be the consequences of using fruit flies that had mated? No baby fruit flies would hatch. That would mess up the count.
6. Study the key for Study 1. Draw the symbol used to each tube:
  - a. Tube 1 
  - b. Tube 2 
  - c. Tube 3 
7. How many fruit flies were present in each test tube at the beginning of Study 1? 200
8. What percent of the fruit flies were alive in tube 3 after 35 days? 35% How many of original 200 were alive after 35 days? 70  $35\% \text{ of } 200 = 70$
9. Which medium has the most detrimental effect on the life span of fruit flies? Tube 3, 15% + live yeast
10. Were the fruit flies in Study 1 able to detect odors? NO How do you know? No difference between results in tube 1 + tube 2.

### Study 2

11. How is Study 2 similar to Study 1? 3 tube, different media, 200 flies, 5 days
12. How is Study 2 different from Study 1? Different base medium & different variables
13. Which medium had the most detrimental effect on the life span of fruit flies? 5% SY + live yeast tube 6,
14. Which medium seemed to have the most beneficial effect on the life span of fruit flies? tube 4, 5% SY
15. Compare Study 1 & Study 2 for the results of SY medium and additional odors. What percent of fruit flies are alive after 40 days for 15% SY with additional odors? 30% What percent of fruit flies are alive after 40 days for 5% SY with additional odors? 80%. Make a prediction concerning the percent of fruit alive after 40 days if a test were conducted for a 10% SY medium. 55%

$$\frac{80+30}{2} = \frac{110}{2}$$

Since 10% is halfway between 5% + 15%, average it.

### Study 3

16. How are the fruit flies in Study 3 different from the fruit flies used in Study 1 and Study 2? can't detect odors
17. Compare the life span of Strain N to Strain X. Which strain seems to live longer? X
18. Does the sense of smell seem to be harmful or detrimental to the life span of a fruit fly? harmful Explain your answer. N can smell, shorter life span.
19. Suppose an additional trial were to be done with 12% SY medium. What would be the average life span of the strain N fruit flies? between 44.7 + 46.1 about. 45.5

### Compare the studies:

Answer the multiple choice questions on page 41.

## ACT Preparation- Greenhouse Gases



1. Give an example of a greenhouse gas. methane CH<sub>4</sub>
2. What does the author of the research say that greenhouse gases do to the Earth's climate? warm it up
3. Study the Key for figure 1. This graph shows both solar radiation and CH<sub>4</sub> for 250 thousand years.
4. What quantities are shown on the vertical axis on the left of the graph? solar radiation intensity
5. What quantities are shown on the vertical axis on the right of the graph? concentration of CH<sub>4</sub> in atmosphere
6. What does "ppb" stand for? The number of parts (molecules) of CH<sub>4</sub> per billion of parts of the atmosphere.
7. What was the concentration of solar radiation 150,000 years ago? 500 Watts/m<sup>2</sup> (Include a number and a unit)
8. What was the concentration of methane gas 150,000 years ago? 580 ppb (Include a number and a unit)
9. About 160 thousand years ago, the lines for solar radiation and CH<sub>4</sub> concentration seem to overlap. Does this mean that they had equal concentrations? NO Explain your answer.  
The scales on the left vertical & right vertical do not match.
10. According to figure 1, do solar radiation and methane concentration seem to be directly or inversely proportional? directly Explain your answer. When solar radiation increases, methane increase. When one decreases, the other decreases.
11. If the concentration of CH<sub>4</sub> is related to the temperature of Earth, can you conclude that the temperature of Earth for the past 250 thousand years has been steady or fluctuating? fluctuating Explain your answer. CH<sub>4</sub> goes up & down, so Earth must go up & down.
12. How is the time period for Figure 2 different from Figure 1? much more recent.

13. According to figure 2, what seemed to start happening about 5,000 years ago? *CH<sub>4</sub> began to increase*
14. If the correlation between CH<sub>4</sub> and Earth's temperature is true, what can you conclude about the Earth temperature for the past 5 thousand years? *temperature increased*
15. You have learned in science class, and from your own personal observations, that the energy from the sun warms the earth. But what is the assumption that is made about the temperature of the earth in this passage? *It is also related to CH<sub>4</sub>. (In the last 5000 years solar radiation decreased.)*
16. Do either of these graphs show the temperature of the earth? *NO, radiation ≠ temp.*
17. What hypothesis is supposedly supported by the data in figure 2?  
*"human activities may have begun warming Earth climate thousands of years earlier than once thought."*
18. You have learned that science should be testable and repeatable. Is the data in this passage testable or repeatable? Explain your answer.

ACT Preparation- Monarch Butterflies



**Introduction Paragraph.** Read the paragraph and then answer the following questions.

1. Monarch butterflies migrate from North Am. to Mexico during what time of the year? Fall
2. What habitat do the butterflies choose for the overwinter period? high altitude forest, (oyamel fir) evergreen conifer trees
3. Where do butterflies get energy? body lipids
4. Read the next three paragraphs: Hypothesis 1, Hypothesis 2, and Hypothesis 3. Complete the chart with information about the storing of lipids, the use of lipids, and the lipid mass. There may not be information for each box.

	Before migration	During migration	After migration, before beginning overwinter	During overwinter
Hypothesis 1	store lipids lipids increase	convert lipids to energy lipids decrease	store lipids lipids increase	convert lipids to energy lipids decrease
Hypothesis 2	store lipids lipids increase	convert lipids to energy lipids decrease	not store lipids	not require lipids
Hypothesis 3	not store lipids	store lipids lipids increase	do not store	use lipids for energy lipids decrease

5. Answer the multiple choice questions on p. 42-43.



ACT Preparation: Drilling Mud



Read the paragraphs before the graphs.

1. The three plots of land were carefully chosen. They were all unsloped. Why is that important in this study? *bec DM is a liquid, it would run off if the land were sloped*
2. The three plots of land were carefully chosen. They were all had the same amount of vegetation. Why is that important in this study? *Vegetation can affect how much DM hits the ground, it is a control-not a variable*
3. Was the area of the plot a variable in this experiment? NO Explain your answer.  
*all same area 10m by 40m*
4. Why is DM sprayed onto the land and vegetation? *to dispose of it after it is used for drilling. to test if it affects soil temperature, albedo*
5. There were 2 sensors for each plot of land. What did the 2 sensors measure?  
*soil temp & solar radiation (albedo)*
6. If an area of land is absorbing sunlight, what would be true about the temperature of the land?  
*it will increase*
7. What is albedo? *the light that is reflected from a surface*
8. What was the albedo for plot 2 on July 15? *0.16*
9. For plot 1 on August 9, what percent of incoming solar radiation was *not* reflected from the surface?  
*100 - 24 = 76%*
10. On July 5, what was the temperature of plot 3? *about 22.5*
11. Which plot consistently demonstrated a higher temperature? *Plot 3*
12. Which plot consistently demonstrated a higher albedo? *Plot 1*
13. What was the overall effect of DM on albedo? *(Plot 3 had most DM, lowest albedo)  
DM LOWERS ALBEDO  
(Plot 1 had NO DM, highest albedo)*
14. What was the overall effect of DM on the temperature of the land?  
*DM increases temperature.  
(Plot 3 most DM, highest temp.)  
(Plot 1 NO DM, lowest temp.)*





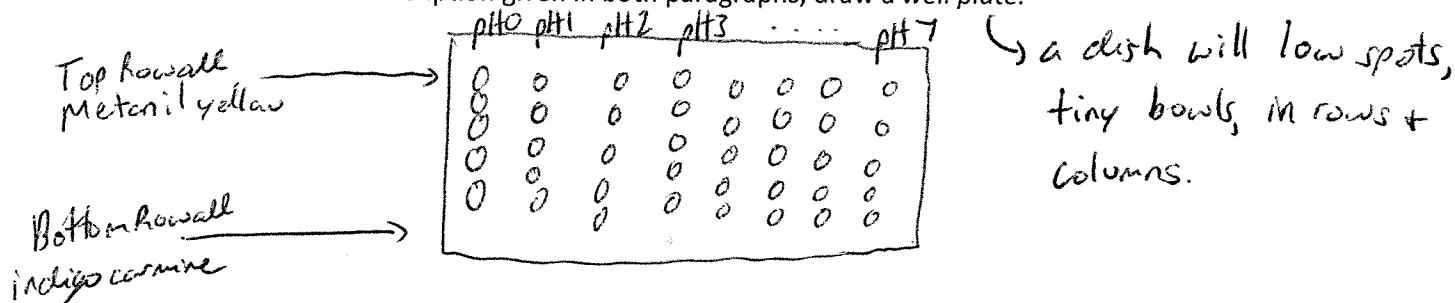
## ACT Preparation: Acid-Base Indicator

Read the introductory paragraphs and then answer the following questions:

1. What makes an acid-base indicator change color? *the pH of the substance*
2. What is a transition range? *an intermediate color, between low pH + high pH*

Experiment 1. Read the experiment and study the table.

3. Based on the description given in both paragraphs, draw a well plate.



4. Based on Table 1, what color does metanil yellow turn in a solution of pH 2? *Red*
5. Based on Table 1, for what pH values is resorcin blue not actually blue? *pH 0 - pH 6*
6. If you wanted to know if a solution had a pH of 1 or 2, which indicator would you use? *Metanil yellow. To distinguish 1 or 2 it must have different colors from other indicators.*
7. Why is indigo carmine the same color in each well? *It doesn't react for low pH, must change color for higher pH.*

Experiment 2. Read the experiment and study the table.

8. If you wanted to know if a solution had a pH of 8 ~~and~~, which indicator would you use? *Curcumin*
9. Indigo carmine turns from blue to yellow. What is the intermediate color for indigo carmine? *green* and at what pH does this color occur? *12*
10. Curcumin changes from Yellow to Red. At what pH values is this change visible? *8*

Experiment 3. Read the experiment and study the table.

11. What is the pH of mystery solution IV? 2 Which pH indicator was the most helpful in determining the pH of solution IV? *Metanil yellow*

12. Which solution has the highest pH? II Which pH indicator was the most helpful in determining the highest pH?

*Indigo carmine turned yellow*

13. A student claimed that solution I had a pH of 7. Do the results of these experiments support his claim? NO. Explain your answer.

*Curcumin is not red in pH 7.*

*Curcumin should be yellow if 7 were true.*

14. Write an inequality for the indicator colors:

Example: metanil yellow is red for  $\text{pH} \leq 1$  and is yellow for  $\text{pH} \geq 3$

a. Resorcin blue is red for  $\text{pH} \leq 3$  and is blue for  $\text{pH} \geq 7$

b. Curcumin is red for  $\text{pH} \geq 9$ , yellow for  $\text{pH} \leq 7$ , and is orange for  $\text{pH} = 8$ .

c. Indigo Carmine: blue for  $\text{pH} \leq 11$ , yellow for  $\text{pH} \geq 13$ ,  
green for  $\text{pH} = 12$

## ACT Preparation- Finch Beaks

**Read the introductory paragraph. Then answer the questions according to the introductory paragraph:**

1. Island A contains which bird(s)? Both G. fortis & G. fuliginosa
2. Island B contains which bird(s)? G. fortis
3. Island C contains which bird(s)? G. fuliginosa
4. What do birds with shallow beaks eat? small seeds
5. What do birds with deeper beaks eat? both large + small (prefer small)

**Study 1. Read the paragraph for and observe the graph for Study 1.**

6. How many graphs correspond to Study 1? 3
7. What is measured on the horizontal axis of each graph? beak depth
8. What is measured on the vertical axis of each graph? % of captured finches
9. The first graph has a column for G. fuliginosa that reaches almost 50%. This column represent a range of beak depths from 7.75 to 8.25 mm.
10. On Island A, what is the smallest beak size for G. fuliginosa? 8.75 - 9.25 mm
11. Why would the researchers tag the birds they captured in study 1? To avoid counting them twice. If it has been tagged, it will not be counted.
12. In a situation in which the 2 species of bird are in competition for food, which bird is likely to have a larger beak size? G. fuliginosa. Which graph supplied the answer? first one shows both species in competition

**Study 2. Read the paragraph and observe the graph for Study 2.**

13. From the introduction paragraph and Study 2 the following things are related: deeper beaks, larger (average) seeds, dry years. What year shows the connection between these 3 things? 1977, 1980, 1982
14. From the introduction paragraph and Study 2, the following things are related: shallow beaks, small seeds, wet years. What year shows the connection between these 3 things? 1984
15. In 1984, would a bird with a beak depth of 9.2mm or 9.5 mm be more likely to survive? 9.2 Explain your answer. Smaller average for wet year

