

Mass and Weight
Integrated Science: Physics/Design

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1. A physical science textbook has a mass of 2.20 kilograms.

a. What is its weight on Earth?

$$W = (2.20 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ N/kg}) = 21.56 \text{ N}$$

$$W = 22 \text{ N}$$



b. What is its weight on Mars? ($g = 3.7 \text{ N/kg}$)

$$W = (2.20 \text{ kg})(3.7 \text{ N/kg}) = 8.14 \text{ N}$$

$$W = 8.1 \text{ N}$$

c. If the textbook weighs 19.6 newtons on Venus, what is the strength of gravity on that planet?

$$g = \frac{19.6 \text{ N}}{2.20 \text{ kg}} = 8.909090$$

$$g = 8.91 \text{ N/kg}$$

2. An astronaut weighs 104 newtons on the moon, where the strength of gravity is 1.6 newtons per kilogram.

a. What is her mass?

$$m = \frac{104 \text{ N}}{1.6 \text{ N/kg}} = 65 \text{ kg}$$

b. What is her weight on Earth?

$$W = (65 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ N/kg}) = 637 \text{ N}$$

c. What would she weigh on Mars?

$$W = (65 \text{ kg})(3.7 \text{ N/kg}) = 240 \text{ N}$$

3. Of all the planets in our solar system, Jupiter has the greatest gravitational strength.

a. If a 0.500-kilogram pair of running shoes would weigh 11.55 newtons on Jupiter, what is the strength of gravity there?

$$g = \frac{11.55 \text{ N}}{0.500 \text{ kg}} = 23.1 \text{ N/kg}$$

b. If the same pair of shoes weighs 0.3 newtons on Pluto (a dwarf planet), what is the strength of gravity there?

$$g = \frac{0.3 \text{ N}}{0.500 \text{ kg}} = 0.6 \text{ N/kg}$$

c. What does the pair of shoes weigh on Earth?

$$W = (0.500 \text{ Kg})(9.8 \text{ N/Kg}) = \boxed{4.9 \text{ N}}$$

4. A tractor-trailer truck carrying boxes of toy rubber ducks stops at a weigh station on the highway. The driver is told that the truck weighs 195,000 N.

a. What is the mass of the toy-filled truck?

$$m = \frac{195,000 \text{ N}}{9.8 \text{ N/Kg}} = 19,897.9592$$

$$\boxed{20,000 \text{ Kg}}$$

b. The truck drops off its load of toys, and then stops at a second weigh station. Now the truck weighs 147,000. N. What is the new mass of the truck?

$$m = \frac{147,000 \text{ N}}{9.8 \text{ N/Kg}} = \boxed{15,000 \text{ Kg}}$$

c. Find the total mass of the rubber duck-filled boxes that were carried by the truck

$$\begin{array}{r} 20,000 \text{ Kg} \leftarrow \text{original mass} \\ - 15,000 \text{ Kg} \leftarrow \text{mass without boxes} \\ \hline 5,000 \text{ Kg} \leftarrow \text{mass of boxes} \end{array}$$