

# Force and Pressure Class 8 Notes Science Chapter 8

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A push or pull exerted by an object on another is a force.

Force arises due to the interaction between at least two objects.



A car being pushed by a man



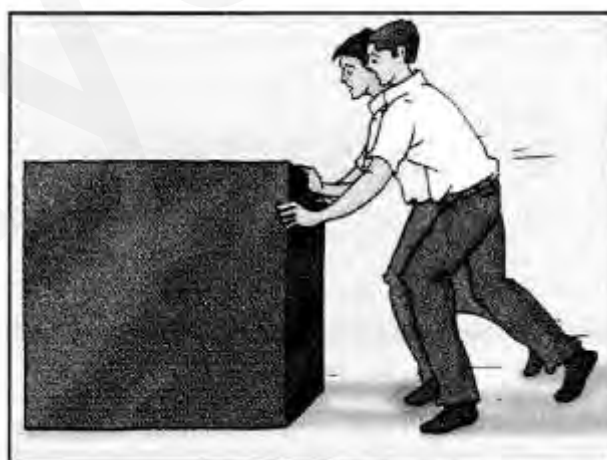
Two girls pushing each other

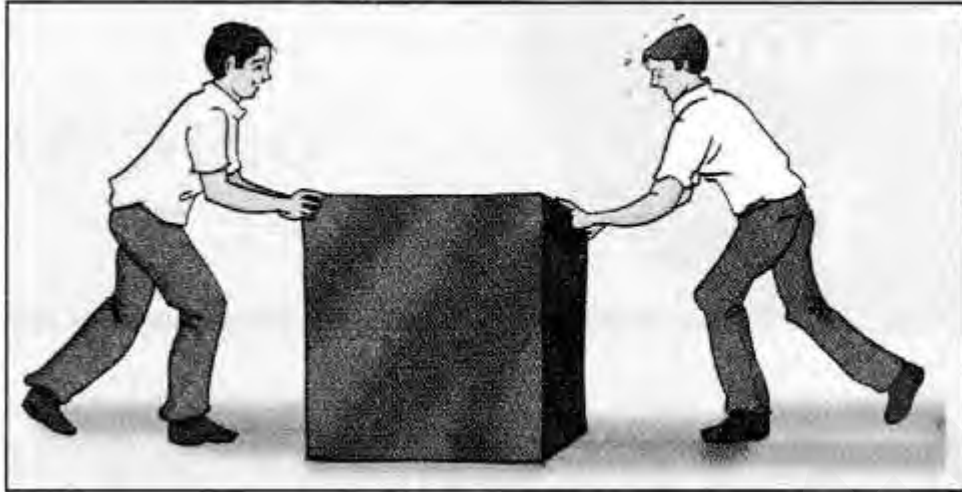


Two girls pulling each other

Force has both Magnitude and Direction

- Force applied on an object in the same direction add to one another.
- If the two forces act in the opposite direction on an object, the net force acting on it is the difference between the two forces.
- In general, more than one force may be acting on an object at any given point. However, a force acting on an object is always the mean net force acting on it.





Two friends pushing a heavy load (a) in the same direction and (b) in the opposite direction

A Force can Change the State of Motion

- A change in the speed of an object or the direction of its motion or both implies a change in its state of motion.
- Force acting on an object may bring a change in its state of motion or a change in its shape.



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A magnet can exert a force without being in contact with it. The force exerted by a magnet is an example of a non-contact force.

**Thrust:** The force that acts on a surface in a direction perpendicular to it, is known as thrust.

**Pressure:** Thrust per unit area is called pressure. So, pressure = force/area on which it acts.

Liquids exert pressure on the walls of the container in which they are kept.

Gases exert pressure in all directions.

**Electrostatic force:** A force exerted by a charged body on another charged or uncharged body is known as electrostatic force.

Atmospheric pressure is defined as the pressure exerted on a surface by the weight of air above that surface.

**Atmospheric Pressure:** The pressure exerted by atmospheric air around us is known as atmospheric pressure.

**Contact Force:** A force that can be applied only when it is in contact with an object is called a contact force. For example, hammering a nail.

**Electrostatic Force:** When a charged body, either having a (+) or (-) charge, exerts force on another charged or uncharged body, that force is known as electrostatic force.

**Force:** Simply a push or pull exerted by an object on another is a force.

**Friction:** The force of friction always acts on all the moving objects and its direction is always opposite to the direction of motion.

**Gravitational Force:** The force exerted by the earth to pull the objects towards itself is called the force of gravity.

**Gravity:** Every object in the universe, whether small or large, exerts a force on every other object. This force is called the force of gravity or just gravity.

**Magnetic Force:** The force exerted by a magnet to pull/push a metallic object is called magnetic force.

**Muscular Force:** The force resulting due to the action of muscles is known as muscular force. For example, writing, cutting vegetables.

**Non-Contact Forces:** A force that can be applied without any contact between two objects is called non-contact force. For example, the magnet pulls the iron-pieces.

**Pressure:** The force acting on per unit area, applied to an object in the direction perpendicular to the surface is called pressure.

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