Measuring g lab - Formative Task

ATL(s) being taught and assessed are a review of those in unit 1:

Research - Collect, record, and verify data (with a focus on gathering data with instrumental uncertainties)

Research - Process data and report results (with a focus on reporting processed data in graphical form)

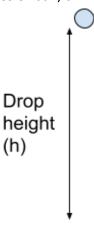
Research Question

What is the relationship between the height of a ball time it takes to fall?

Independent variable: Height of ball (h)

Dependent variable: Time taken to falll (t)

Controlled variables: Type, size, and mass of ball, timing device



Mathematical model:

If acceleration is constant then:

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

so,
$$2s = at^2$$

Hypothesis:

If we graph the height doubled against the time squared then we should get a directly proportional relationship with a gradient of g and an intercept of 0.

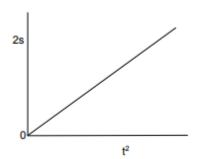


Table 1: Raw data table
Table 2: Processed data table
Figure 2: Graph showing the relationship between the time squared and the distance.
Value of gradient with absolute uncertainty:
Value of g with absolute uncertainty:

Assessment:

Not there yet	Meeting expectations	Beyond expectations
	 Axis correct way round to give a the g as part of the gradient 	
	 Instrumental uncertainty shown as constant error bars on x axis 	
	 Experimental uncertainty shown as variable error bars on y axis 	
	- Line of best fit plotted	
	- Max and min lines of best fit attempted	
	- Gradient and then g calculated	