

Practice Problem Set $F=ma \Rightarrow \text{FORCE} = \text{MASS} \times \text{ACCELERATION}$

Plug in the given values for Force/Mass/Acceleration to solve.

Remember, **mass is in kg** - - **force in N** (newtons) - - **acceleration is in m/s^2**

1. How much force is needed to accelerate a 66 kg skier at 2 m/sec^2 ?
2. What is the force on a 1000 kg elevator that is falling freely at 9.8 m/sec^2 ?
3. What is the acceleration of a 50 kg object pushed with a force of 500 newtons?
4. The mass of a large car is 1000 kg. How much force would be required to accelerate the car at a rate of 3 m/sec^2 ?
5. A 50 kg skater pushed by a friend accelerates 5 m/sec^2 . How much force did the friend apply?
6. A force of 250 N is applied to an object that accelerates at a rate of 5 m/sec^2 . What is the mass of the object?
7. A bowling ball rolled with a force of 15 N accelerates at a rate of 3 m/sec^2 ; a second ball rolled with the same force accelerates 4 m/sec^2 . What are the masses of the two balls?
8. If a 60 kg person on a 15 kg sled is pushed with a force of 300 N, what will be person's acceleration?
9. A force of 20 N acts upon a 5 kg block. Calculate the acceleration of the object.
10. An object of mass 300 kg is observed to accelerate at the rate of 4 m/s^2 . Calculate the force required to produce this acceleration.

SOLUTIONS TO 1-10 FORCE PROBLEMS

1. How much force is needed to accelerate a 66 kg skier at 2 m/sec^2 ?

$$f=ma \quad f= 66 \times 2 \quad f = 132 \text{ N}$$

2. What is the force on a 1000 kg elevator that is falling freely at 9.8 m/sec^2 ?

$$F= ma \quad f= 1000 \times 9.8 \quad f=9,800 \text{ n}$$

3. What is the acceleration of a 50 kg object pushed with a force of 500 newtons?

$$F= ma \quad 500 = 50(a) \quad a= 10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

4. The mass of a large car is 1000 kg. How much force would be required to accelerate the car at a rate of 3 m/sec^2 ?

$$F= ma \quad f= 1000 \times 3 \quad f= 3000 \text{ N}$$

5. A 50 kg skater pushed by a friend accelerates 5 m/sec^2 . How much force did the friend apply?

$$F = ma \quad f= 50 \times 5 \quad f= 250 \text{ N}$$

6. A force of 250 N is applied to an object that accelerates at a rate of 5 m/sec^2 . What is the mass of the object?

$$F = ma \quad 250\text{N}=(m)5 \quad m= 50\text{kg}$$

7. A bowling ball rolled with a force of 15 N accelerates at a rate of 3 m/sec^2 ; a second ball rolled with the same force accelerates 4 m/sec^2 . What are the masses of the two balls?

$$F= ma \quad 15\text{N}= (m)3 \quad m=5\text{kg} \quad 15\text{N} = (m)4 \quad m=3.75\text{kg}$$

8. If a 60 kg person on a 15 kg sled is pushed with a force of 300 N, what will be person's acceleration?

$$F=ma \quad 300\text{N}=(60+15)(a) \quad a=4 \text{ m/s}^2$$

9. A force of 20 N acts upon a 5 kg block. Calculate the acceleration of the object.

$$F=ma \quad 20\text{N}=5(a) \quad a=4 \text{ m/s}^2$$

10. An object of mass 300 kg is observed to accelerate at the rate of 4 m/s^2 . Calculate the force required to produce this acceleration.

$$F=ma \quad F=300 \times 4 \quad f= 1200\text{N}$$