

Free Body Diagram Practice

Draw a Free Body Diagram for the Following Situations and Calculate the unknown forces where possible.

1.0 kg object in free fall (assume zero air resistance)

$\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_g = 9.8\text{N}$

1.0 kg object in free fall experiencing 2N of air resistance.

$\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_g - \vec{F}_{air} = 7.8\text{N} [\downarrow]$

$\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{net}/m = 7.8\text{m/s}^2 [\downarrow]$

1.0 kg resting on earth

$\vec{F}_{net} = 0$

Formula Summary

- Newton's 2nd Law
 $F_{net} = ma$
- Friction
 $F_f = \mu F_n$

1.0 kg object hanging by a string

$\vec{F}_{net} = 0$

1.0 kg object hanging by a string & being accelerated upwards at 3.0 m/s²

$\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a} = 3\text{N} \uparrow$

$F_{net} = F_T - F_g$
 $3\text{N} = F_T - 9.8\text{N}$
 $F_T = 11.8\text{N} \uparrow$

1.0 kg object sliding at 2.5 m/s on a frictionless surface

$\vec{F}_{net} = 0$

→ motion (acceleration = 0)
 $F_{net} = 0$

1.0 kg object sliding at 2.5 m/s on a horizontal surface with friction and coming to a stop in 5.0 seconds.

$v_1 = 2.5\text{m/s}$
 $v_2 = 0$
 $\Delta t = 5.0\text{s}$
 $a = -0.5\text{m/s}^2$
 $F_{net} = ma = -0.5\text{N}$

$F_{net} = F_f$
 $\therefore F_f = 0.5\text{N} [\leftarrow]$

$\mu_k = \frac{F_f}{F_n} = \frac{0.5\text{N}}{9.8\text{N}} = 0.05$