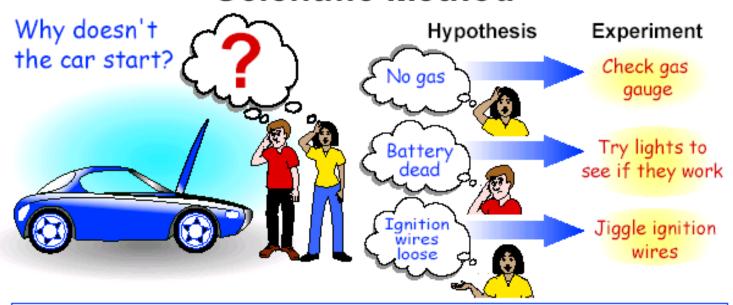
Chapter 1.2-1.3

The Scientific Method and Speed

Scientific Method

- Scientific method is a process that is used to gather evidence
- Scientific evidence is any observations that can be repeated with the same result
- Variables are factors that effect the result of an experiment. In an experiment you change on variable at a time and observe what happens

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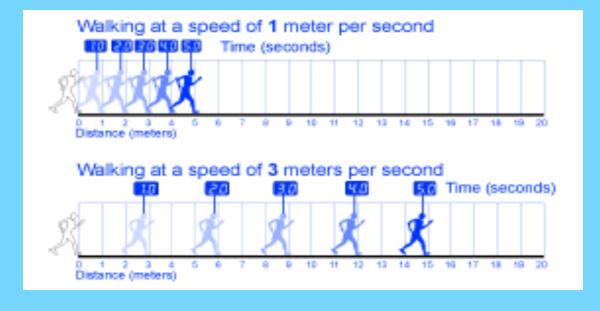


Steps in the scientific method			
STEP	EXAMPLE		
1. Ask a question.	1. Why doesn't the car start?		
2. Formulate a hypothesis.	2. Maybe the battery is dead.		
3. Design and conduct an experiment.	3. Turn the lights on to test the battery.		
4. Collect and analyze data.	4. The lights go on.		
5. Make a tentative conclusion.	5. Battery is OK.		
Test conclusion, or if necessary, refine the question, and go through each step again.	6. Are the ignition wires loose or wet?		

Speed

• Speed of an object is a measure of how quickly the object gets from one place to

another



Calculating Speed

- Speed is the distance traveled divided by the time taken.
- The units for speed are a ratio of distance units over time units.

Distance	Time	Speed	Abbreviation
meters	seconds	meters per second	m/sec
kilometers	hours	kilometers per hour	km/h
centimeters	seconds	centimeters per second	cm/sec
miles	hours	miles per hour	mph
inches	seconds	inches per second	in/sec, ips
feet	minutes	feet per minute	ft/min, fpm

Equation

- s=speed
- d=distance
- t=time

Speed is a single
measurement that tells
how fast you are going.
Velocity is your speed and
the direction you are going

$$s = \frac{d}{t}$$

Homework 13

• Three group of students are doing car and ramp experiments. Each group does three identical releases of the car and measures the following times from photogate A to photogate B. Which group did the best experiment and

why?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
0.2315 seconds	0.2442 seconds	0.2315 seconds
0.2442 seconds	0.2437 seconds	0.2202 seconds
0.3007 seconds	0.2443 seconds	0.2255 seconds

Homework 18

• A cross-country runner runs 60 km in 45 minutes. What is his average speed?

Homework 26

• A high speed train travels with an average speed of 270 km/h. The train travels for 10 hr. How far does the train travel?