

\_\_\_\_\_ 's Whysheet for  
*Your name*

# Why don't snowboards need wheels?

Yeah, why? Write (or draw) your answer:

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**Whybricks**

Giving physical science form

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# Part 1: Snowboards

For the first part of this investigation, you will need the smooth snowboard and the bumpy snowboard.

## Build it!

You need to build both snowboards out of Whybricks.

 **Grab this resource!** 

The **Smooth snowboard** build guide.

 **Grab this resource!** 

The **Bumpy snowboard** build guide.

## Tinker and experiment

Once you have built both snowboards, tinker and experiment with the snowboards. Look at the bottom of each snowboard. What do you notice?

Try this: one at a time, put each snowboard on a flat surface like your desk, table, or the floor and give it a push. What happens? Do the two snowboards react the same way?

## Make a prediction, then run a test

For this test you will need your two snowboards, something to use as a ramp (like a textbook) and a place to set the ramp that leads



onto a horizontal surface (like your desk, a table or the floor). Read what the test is, write down your prediction and then run the test.

To run the test, first take your ramp and lie it flat on your horizontal surface. Choose which end of the ramp will be the top and which is the bottom. Place the smooth and bumpy snowboards next to each other at the top of the ramp. Both snowboards should point down towards the bottom of the ramp. The front tips of the snowboards should be even with each other.

Slowly lift the 'top' end of the ramp up vertically. Keep lifting the top end of the ramp, increasing the angle of the ramp, until one of your snowboards starts to move. **Which snowboard do you think will start to move first?**

Write down your prediction:

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Now, run the test. If you want, you can run it more than once.

 **I notice...**

What do you notice about this phenomenon? Write your observations on your Notice sheet.

 **I wonder...**

What are you now wondering about? Write your questions on your Wonder sheet.



## What is going on?

Think back to the main 'why' question of this investigation:

### Why don't snowboards need wheels?

In your test, why did you get the result you did? Why do people ride snowboards on hills, but not on the flat ground? Why aren't snowboards used on pavement? Why don't snowboards have wheels, but skateboards do?

Investigate **friction** and **inclined planes** to help you form some ideas to help answer some of these questions.

 **Grab this resource!** 

The **Friction** WOW sheet.

 **Grab this resource!** 

The **Inclined plane** WOW sheet.

What factors do you think affect how a snowboard moves?

Write down your ideas about what affects how a snowboard can move:

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# Part 2: Your experiment

You are going to design and run an experiment to discover more about one of the factors you think affects what happens to a snowboard moving down a hill.

## Step 1: Available equipment

Look at the materials and equipment available for you in your experiment.

List all the available materials and equipment:

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Tinker and experiment with the materials and equipment that you have available to explore how everything works.

### I notice...

What do you notice about this phenomenon? Write your observations on your Notice sheet.

### I wonder...

What are you now wondering about? Write your questions on your Wonder sheet.



## Step 2: Determine variables

What are the **independent variables** you could test? (An **independent variable** is a variable that is manipulated or changed by the experimenter. Think of things you could control.)

Your list of independent variables:

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What are the **dependent variables** you could measure? (A **dependent variable** is a variable that responds to what else is happening. These variables can be measured and/or calculated with the available equipment.)

Your list of dependent variables:

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### Step 3: Determine your question

You need to create a testable question that you will be able to answer by making a claim based on evidence from your scientific experiment.

One format you can use is to select one independent variable and one dependent variable and ask 'How will changing *the independent variable* affect *the dependent variable*?'

You will need to choose one independent variable you will change in your experiment and one dependent variable you will measure.

Independent variable selected for testing:

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Dependent variable selected for measuring:

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Write out your question:

**How will changing** \_\_\_\_\_  
**affect** \_\_\_\_\_ **?**

This is the question your experiment will help you answer.



## Step 4: Hypotheses

Once you have run your experiment, you will be able to make a claim about how your independent variable affects your dependent variable. You will be able to support this claim with the data you collect. It's important to consider every possible claim you might be able to make once you have collected your data.

- 1. Direct relationship:** increasing *the independent variable* will increase *the dependent variable*.

Increasing \_\_\_\_\_  
will **increase** \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2. Indirect relationship:** increasing *the independent variable* will decrease *the dependent variable*.

Increasing \_\_\_\_\_  
will **decrease** \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3. No relationship:** increasing *the independent variable* will not change *the dependent variable*.

Increasing \_\_\_\_\_  
will **not change** \_\_\_\_\_.





## Step 5: Designing the experiment

You need to design your experiment to test how your independent variable affects your dependent variable.

### Draw and label your experimental setup



### Materials and equipment list

List of the materials and equipment I need for my experiment:





## Step 6: Run your experiment and record your data

It's time to run your experiment! Use the data table below to record your results.

Add your independent and dependent variables into the correct spots and write what units you will be using for that variable. (An example of units might be 'centimetres' or 'inches' if you are measuring height or distance.)

Remember you are only going to change the setting for your independent variable. List each setting you will use. For each setting you try with your independent variable, you should run five trials with that setting. Then average the results for the setting in the last column.

Independent variable name (units)	Dependent variable name (units)					
	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5	Average



## Step 7: Present your results

You can now present your findings and answer your question using the CER (**C**laim, **E**vidence, **R**easoning) method.

**Claim** - This is the answer to your investigation question. It should either be one of the hypotheses from step 4 or a new claim you hadn't considered.

My claim is:

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**Evidence** - Cite data from your experiment to support your claim.

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