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# Grades 4 – 5 Speed Racer

## Science, Math, and Educational Technology Assessment

### Introduction

This Anchor Set provides educators with student exemplars for the grades 4-5 Speed Racer Educational Technology assessment. We selected each sample to model the range of scoring for this assessment. There are two components that make up the scoring guide for educational technology— **Attributes of Educational Technology Standards (checklist)** and the **Scoring Rubric for Educational Technology**.

**Attributes of Educational Technology Standards.** Teachers will use the *attributes* checklist first to determine the number of **attribute points** the student work can earn. The checklist presents a list of characteristics that should be present in student work which meets the standard. The **GLEs** targeted by the assessment are listed in the left column.

Each **attribute name**, such as *Generate Questions*, is derived directly from the standards (*Build background knowledge and generate questions by viewing multimedia.*). Each attribute has one or more **descriptions** which detail what an at-standard performance looks like (*Develops original questions after viewing multimedia.*).

This is different from a typical rubric, which describes various levels of performance. With the checklist, the teacher has only to decide whether or not the work is at standard. If the teacher determines that the work is at standard, then it earns the number of points indicated in the right-hand column. The teacher totals the points.

**Scoring Rubric for Educational Technology.** In the final step, the teacher uses the **total number of points** earned in the *attributes* checklist to determine the overall level of performance for the assessment. Student work earning no more than five attribute points would represent a below standard (Level 1) performance. Six to seven points meets the standard (Level 2), while student work that earns eight or nine points exceeds the standard (Level 3).

### Discussion

We understand that that this type of scoring may be new for many teachers; however, there are several compelling reasons why the assessment development group selected this tool over a traditional rubric.

First, many of the educational technology standards represent skills. As such, a student can demonstrate the skill or they cannot—there is no “better or worse than.” It did not make sense to scale the point scoring for the attributes, and the assessment development group decided not to quantify performance in terms of the number of times a student could demonstrate the skill. This is also why there are three performance levels instead of four.

A checklist format that describes the *attributes* is an efficient tool for teachers. There is only one decision involved for each attribute—is the work at standard?—instead of several decisions about quality. The tool also allows for cleaner scoring as the teacher need only consider **one attribute at a time**. This is unlike many rubrics, which have multiple attributes within a single cell. A student’s work might reach various targets within a column or row, so the teacher must synthesize the score. With the *attributes* checklist and *scoring rubric* tool we provide for the educational technology standards, teachers will be able score consistently across student work.

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**Directions:** Each of the *attribute names* below represents part of an educational technology standard. These are followed by *descriptions* of student performance which meet the standard. If the student work provides evidence of meeting the standard, it earns the *points* shown in the final column. Total the points and then compare to the *Scoring Rubric* to determine the overall level of performance.

We use the term *digital* to refer to tools and information that do not exist in a physical form. Computer software, Web sites, online databases, pod/vodcasts and pages from an eReader are just a few examples.

### Attributes of Educational Technology Standards

GLE	Attribute Name	Description	Points
Research Process (separate from multimedia product)			
1.3.1	Generate Questions	Develops original questions after viewing multimedia (for example an online simulation or video clip).	1
	Plan Projects	Uses a digital tool to plan an investigation related directly to the student task.	1
1.1.2	Collect and Graph Data	Collects data related directly to the student task.	1
		Graphs data using a digital tool.	1
	Recognize Patterns	Uses an interactive resource (online simulation or graphing tool) to identify a pattern or trend. <i>For example, "The graph shows that as the weight of a ball increases, so does its speed down the ramp."</i>	1
Multimedia Product			
1.1.1	Produce Multimedia	Creates a digital product to communicate information.	1
		Combines audio, text, graphs, video, symbols, or pictures that are related directly to the student task into product.	1
	Organize Ideas	Uses information gathered during the investigation to explain how the rules will make the race fair.	1
		Uses features (font, color, transitions) of the digital tool to effectively communicate main ideas to the audience. <i>For example, different font sizes are used consistently to show headers and subjects or transitions to reveal answers.</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>9</b>

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**Scoring Rubric for Educational Technology**

<b>Performance Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
A <b>Level 3 response</b> exceeds the standards and reflects that a student can demonstrate knowledge and ability beyond the requirements for Educational Technology GLEs 1.1.1, 1.1.2, and 1.3.1.	8 - 9
A <b>Level 2 response</b> meets the standards and reflects that a student understands and is able to perform GLE 1.1.1 <i>Demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge and develop innovative products and processes using technology</i> , 1.1.2 <i>Use models and simulations to explore systems, identify trends and forecast possibilities</i> and GLE 1.3.1 <i>Identify and define authentic problems and significant questions for investigation and plan strategies to guide inquiry</i> BY using digital tools to explore the relationship between time, distance, weight and speed in order to develop a set of rules for a toy car race.	6 - 7
A <b>Level 1 response</b> reflects that a student is still working toward meeting GLEs 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.3.1.	0 - 5

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1.1.2	Collect and Graph Data	Collects data related directly to the student task.	1	1
		Graphs data using a digital tool.	1	0
	Recognize Patterns	Uses an interactive resource (online simulation or graphing tool) to identify a pattern or trend. <i>For example, "The graph shows that as the weight of a ball increases, so does its speed down the ramp."</i>	1	1
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	Organize Ideas	Uses information gathered during the investigation to explain how the rules will make the race fair.	1	0
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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
A Level 1 response (0 – 5 points) reflects that a student is still working toward meeting GLEs 1.1.1, 1.1.2, and 1.3.1.				L1

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A1

**Discussion**

In Sample A1, the student develops an original question (How does the weight of a toy car affect the speed of a car as it goes down the ramp), collects data, and identifies a pattern (I noticed that the more gravity there is, the faster the luge. The less gravity, the slower the luge.). This part of the research process earns three attribute points. There is no multimedia product for this sample.



**Research/Purpose Question:** How does the weight of a round object affect the speed of a round object?

**Background information (based on the Intergalactic Luge activity and previously learned information)**

What did you notice about the relationship between the weight of the luger and his/her speed down the track?

I noticed that the more the luger weighs, the faster it will go. The less weight, the slower.

Newton's First Law of Motion: Anything in motion stays in motion until acted upon by an outside force.

Newton's Second Law of Motion: Force equals mass times acceleration.

Motion

**Hypothesis** (predict the answer to your research question): I predict that the weight of the object will go faster.

**Materials:** 1 meter stick, 3 different size marbles, 1 math book

**Procedure: What are the steps to test your research question?**  
 1) Gather materials 2) Set up ramp. 3) Roll the marbles and catch down ramp. 4) Measure distance. 5) Put data in data table. 6) Repeat steps 3-6 for trials # 2-3. *Journal a time!*

**Data Collection**

The Distance an Object Travels in 3 Seconds

Type of Object (Manipulated Variable: place on X axis)	D Distance in centimeters (Responding Variable: place on Y axis)				
	Trial #1	Trial #2	Trial #3	Average Distance (mean)	Average Speed (distance divided by time)
Round candy (lightest/lowest weight)	35.5	22	30	29.166	9.722 cps
Small marble (middle weight)	36	53	60	49.66	16.55 cps
Large marble (heaviest/most weight)	78	74	81	77.66	25.886 cps

on Pg. 1

**Graph.** Make a line graph of your data, using centimeter graph paper.  
**Online graph.** Graph your information, using the graphing tool at <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph>.

Print out a copy and include it with this lab sheet. Also, save the graph in your file.

**Conclusion:** What does your table and graph show? How does the weight of the round object affect the speed of the round object? Answer your research question, using data from your table and graph.

The weight of a round object makes the marble faster because the largest object's mean was 29.6 centimeters and my little marble was

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ble was 49.58 and my little car was 29.166 cm

<p><b>Rule #1:</b>                  You may not add extra weight to your car</p> <p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)                  because weight would give the car more gravity which is an advantage</p>	<p><b>Rule #2:</b>                  Your car must start at the same place as the others</p> <p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)                  so you don't get there first</p>
<p><b>Rule #3:</b>                  your ramp must be slanted at the same level</p> <p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)                  so your car doesn't switch slow in a really slanted thing fast</p>	<p><b>Rule #4:</b>                  your car must be the same weight as the others</p> <p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)                  so you don't push them off</p>

**Plan a project and test your solution** (your rules). Create a model using the following materials.

**Materials:** a toy car, tape, pennies to change the weight, ramp.

**Project plan.** How will you test your rules, using a model?

Research question: how does the weight of a toy car affect the speed of the car as it goes down the ramp.  
 procedure: ① gather materials ② put car down the ramp ③ measure how far the car goes ④ record data in table ⑤ repeat steps 2-4 twice

The data collected to prove my rules are fair:

object	trial 1	trial 2	trial 3	average
CAR	41cm	43cm	45cm	43cm

the car for trials 2-3  
 ⑥ compare results

**Presentation:**

Use prez.com to make an online presentation of your solution to the problem. Your primary title should be "SPEED RACER." Include your rules, the reason your rules are fair, the plan you made to test your rules and the graph that you made from the Speed Racer lab. Also include science concepts that connect to your plan. If you use pictures or information from online or somewhere else, be sure to include the source that your pictures or information came from.

**Reference notes:** (name of web site or book, URL if online, author, date used)

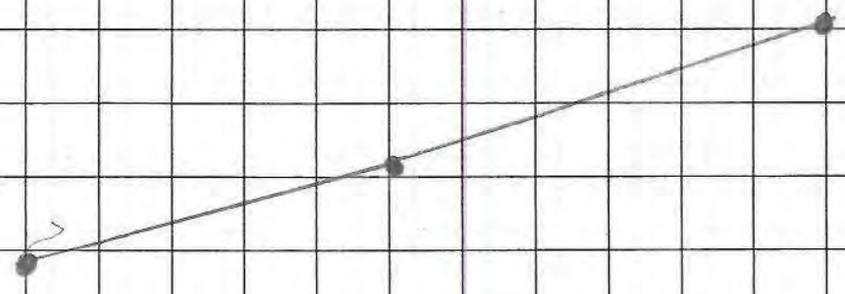
Conclusion: This test shows my results are fair because the trials were consistent. Trial 1: 41cm, trial 2: 43cm, trial 3: 45cm, average: 43

# Speed Racer

A1

Speed average

candy small large  
marble marble



# Distance Graph Racer

A1

Distance in Centimeters

100  
95  
90  
85  
80  
75  
70  
65  
60  
55  
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40  
35  
30  
25  
20  
15  
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small

medium  
of marble

large  
marble

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# 4 SPEED RACER RULES

A1

1 You may not add extra weight to your toy cars

2 your toy car does not get a head start

3 your ~~car~~ <sup>car</sup> must ~~make your car~~ <sup>be made</sup> along the same guidelines as the other cars

4 you can only use ~~wood~~ <sup>metal</sup> wood for the body of the car

Joe

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Define the Problem**

What is the problem you are trying to solve?

People cheated in a car race last year so we are trying to stop them

**Criteria for Solution**

How will you know if the problem has been solved? What evidence will you use?

We will weigh the cars and see if they all go about as fast as each other

**Tools and Materials**

List all of the tools and materials you will need to develop a solution to the problem.

weigher  
car  
marstick  
text books

**Design a Model**

Describe what you will do to create a model to test as a solution.



**Test the Solution**

Describe how you will test the solution. What steps will you take?

I will test with marbles

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**Results**

What are the results of your test? Use a combination of words, tables, graphs, or pictures to show the data and observations. my results are larger and smaller because of weight

**Modify the Design**

What could you do to modify the design and improve the results?

I would use a moderate weight car for all the cars

**Communicate the Solution**

List the rules you developed for the toy car race. Be sure to include evidence that shows how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

1. you may not add extra weight to your car
2. your car must start at the same place as the others
3. your ramp must be tilted the same amount as the others
4. your car must be the same width as the others

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		Graphs data using a digital tool.	1	1
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### Discussion

Sample A2 represents work which is very close to meeting the standards for educational technology. During the research phase, the student collects data related directly to the task and then graphs it using a digital tool. This work earns two attribute points. The multimedia product earns an additional three points. There is a variety of evidence to show that the student understands how to use various features of the digital tool (Prezi) to communicate main ideas effectively. Each of the rules is enclosed in a bracket, with the circle used to designate the whole product. The student also uses different font sizes to indicate the rules and reasons. Finally, the work earns an attribute point for “Uses information gathered during the investigation to explain how the rules will make the race fair.” In the product, Rule #1 states that “the cars must have the same weight” with the reason that “the heavier an object is the faster it will go.” This information was directly linked to the information gathered during the research process.

Please visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/EdTech/Assessment/VideoIndex.aspx#A2> to see the multimedia product for Sample A2.

**Lab: Speed Racer**

You have been asked to judge a toy car race. Last year, some cars were so much faster than others that it was believed some racers might have cheated. The organizers want the race to be fair. They would like you to write a set of at least four rules for the event to ensure no car can cheat to win. The rules must be based on evidence about how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

To develop the rules, you will need to plan and conduct an investigation, collect and interpret data, and explain how your rules will make the race fair. Use digital tools to organize your information and communicate your results to the Racing Committee.

Speed is determined by the distance traveled divided by the time traveled (for example, mph in a car).

Luger Race Observation Data: Choose earth and two other space objects. Collect data for three trials of each.

Gravity(Earth)	1/2 time	Total time
1.0 (Earth)		
Trial #1	36.8	55.0
Trial #2	32.0	55.1
Trial #3	32.1	55.3
Average (mean)	36.0	55.1
55.1		
Gravity 2.9.09	1/2 time	Total time
Trial #1	8.0	11.5
Trial #2	8.0	11.5
Trial #3	8.0	11.5
Average (mean)	8.0	11.5
Mars		
Gravity 0.329	1/2 time	Total time
Trial #1	53.8	82.2
Trial #2	54.9	83.5
Trial #3	55.5	94.6
Average (mean)	54.7	83.7

What do you notice?

I noticed that the more gravity it goes faster, the more is slower than the 4th.

**Research/Purpose Question:** How does the weight of a round object affect the speed of a round object?

**Background information (based on the Intergalactic Luge activity and previously learned information)**

What did you notice about the relationship between the weight of the luger and his/her speed down the track?

The heavier the luge is the faster it goes

Newton's First Law of Motion: things do what they were doing

Newton's Second Law of Motion: Force = Mass x acceleration

**Hypothesis (predict the answer to your research question):** I predict

The heavier the object is the faster it will go

**Materials:** 3 different size marbles, water, track, timer

**Procedure: What are the steps to test your research question?**

1. Gather materials 2. Set up ramp 3. put round candy down ramp for 3 secs & record distance 5 repeat 3, 4, 5 times 6. find averages for Round candy, small marble and large marble

**Data Collection**

The Distance an Object Travels in 3 Seconds

Type of Object (Manipulated Variable: place on X axis)	D Distance in centimeters (Responding Variable: place on Y axis)				
	Trial #1	Trial #2	Trial #3	Average Distance (mean)	Average Speed (distance divided by time)
Round candy (lightest/lowest weight)	59cm	59cm	59cm	59cm	19.5 cm/s
Small marble (middle weight)	71cm	81cm	68cm	73.3cm	16.5 cm/s
Large marble (heaviest/most weight)	100cm	96cm	99cm	98cm	32.6 cm/s

**Graph.** Make a line graph of your data, using centimeter graph paper.

**Online graph.** Graph your information, using the graphing tool at <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph>.

*http://www.onlinecharts.com*

Print out a copy and include it with this lab sheet. Also, save the graph in your file.

**Conclusion:** What does your table and graph show? How does the weight of the round object affect the speed of the round object? Answer your research question, using data from your table and graph.

*My table and graphs show that the heavier an object is the faster it falls.*

*You have been asked to judge a toy car race. Last year, some cars were so much faster than others that it was believed some racers might have cheated. The organizers want the race to be fair. They would like you to write a set of at least four rules for the event to ensure no car can cheat to win. The rules must be based on evidence about how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp. To develop the rules, you will need to plan and conduct an investigation, collect and interpret data, and explain how your rules will make the race fair. Use digital tools to organize your information and communicate your results to the Racing Committee. Speed is determined by dividing the distance traveled by the time traveled (for example, mph in a car).*

Rule #1:  
*Must have same weight*

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)  
*the heavier it is the more chances it will win*

Rule #2:  
*Must have same ramp*

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)  
*if your ramp is steeper you will win*

Rule #3:  
*Must start same place and stop at the same time*

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)  
*because if you don't you will have a speed advantage*

Rule #4:  
*Must be powered the gravity*

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)  
*because if you have a motor car you will win*

**Plan a project and test your solution** (your rules). Create a model using the following materials.

**Materials:** a toy car, tape, pennies to change the weight, ramp.

**Project plan.** How will you test your rules, using a model?

question: do my rules make it fair? *Meterstick*

1 I will make a ramp 2 I will test all my rules 3 I will record my data

The data collected to prove my rules are fair:

toy cars	without rules		toy cars	with rules	
	trail #1	trail #2		trail #1	trail #2
orange	4/2 fair	4/2 fair	orange	fair	fair

**Presentation:**

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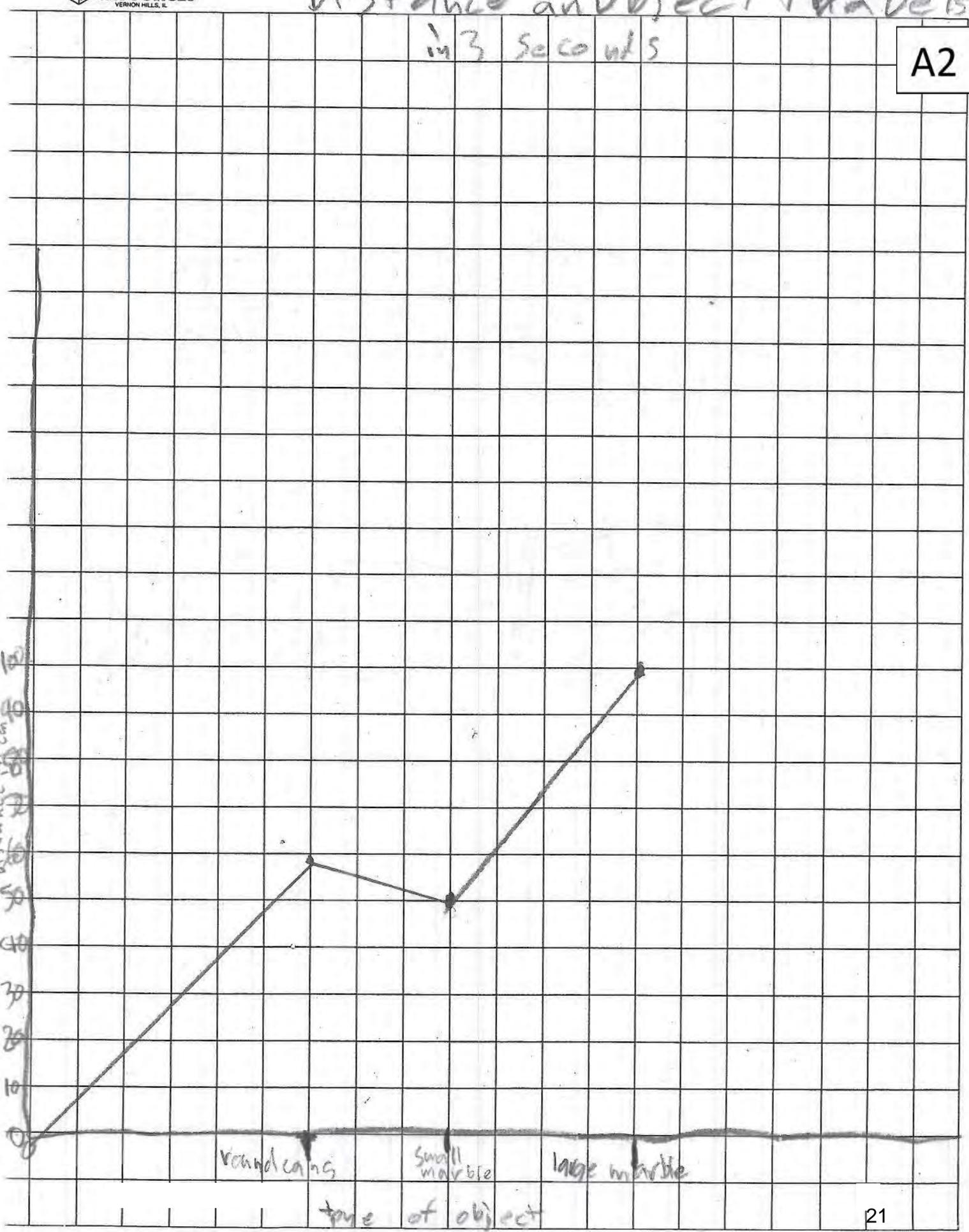
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This test shows that my rules are fair, because ~~it~~ I tried without my rule and it was fair but with my rules it was fair

# Distance an Object Travels in 3 seconds

A2

distance in cm



speed in cm/s

120  
110  
100  
90  
80  
70  
60  
50  
40  
30  
20  
10  
0

round  
object

small  
marble

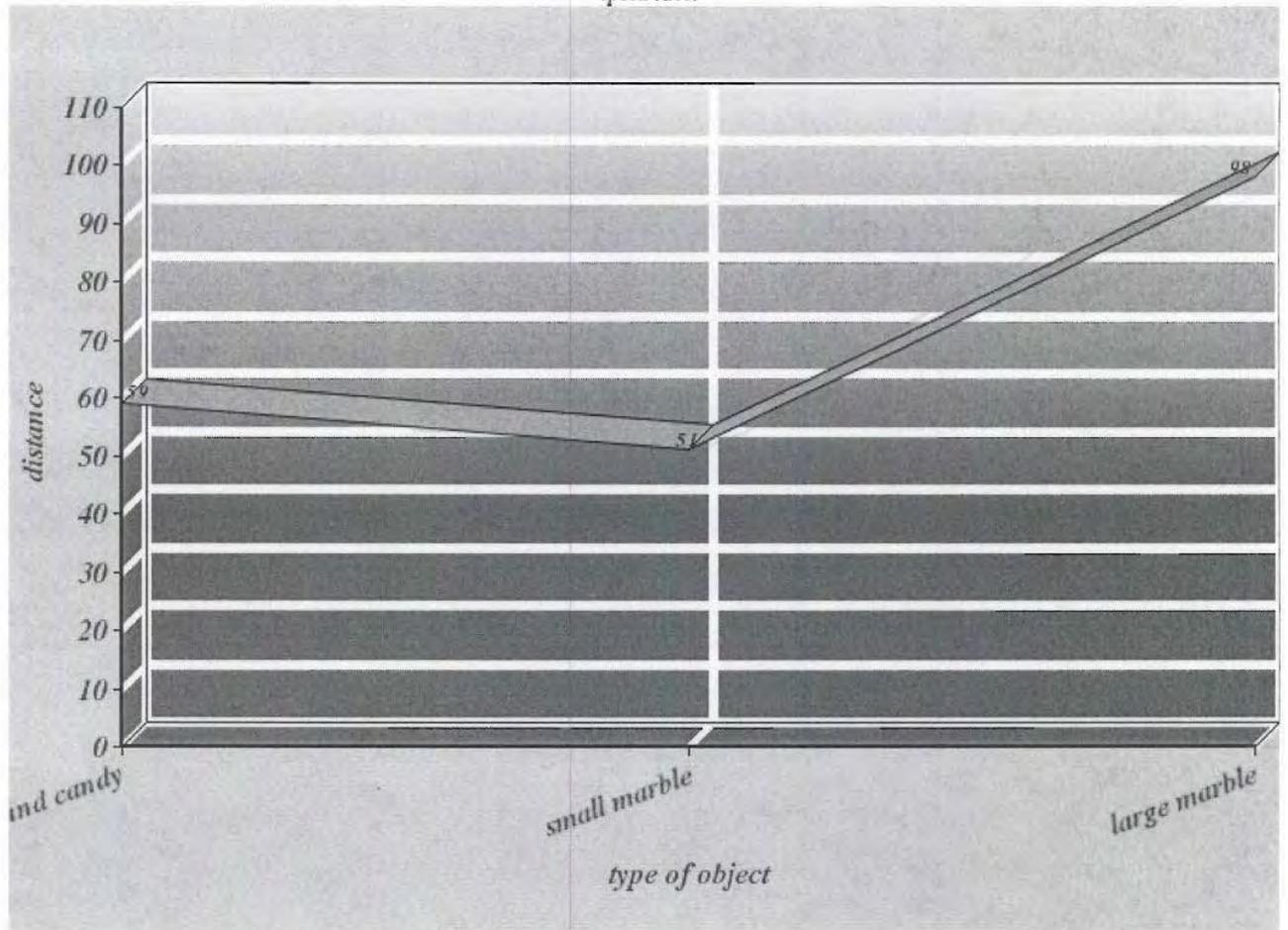
large  
marble

1. ~~Cannot be too heavy~~, The heavier ones  
won a lot of times
2. ~~Cannot be too light~~, the lighter ones  
can win too
3. Must have same ramp. If you  
~~don't~~ have the same ramp you can win
4. Must start at same place and  
time

Same time

Power by Gravity

speed racer



Speed Racer Project Plan  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Define the Problem**

What is the problem you are trying to solve?  
Speed racer <sup>How to make the</sup> race rules

**Criteria for Solution**

How will you know if the problem has been solved? What evidence will you use?  
When <sup>no one's</sup> cheating the problem <sup>is</sup> solved

**Tools and Materials**

List all of the tools and materials you will need to develop a solution to the problem.  
~~scissors~~ ~~glue~~ ~~cardstock~~ ~~internet~~ cars, ~~books~~ book meter or stick

**Design a Model**

Describe what you will do to create a model to test as a solution.  
I will race cars without my rules and with my rules

**Test the Solution**

Describe how you will test the solution. What steps will you take?  
I will test my rules to see if they are fair.

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**Results**

What are the results of your test? Use a combination of words, tables, graphs, or pictures to show the data and observations.

I have tested my rules and they were fair now no one can cheat.

**Modify the Design**

What could you do to modify the design and improve the results?

by making a better ramp

**Communicate the Solution**

List the rules you developed for the toy car race. Be sure to include evidence that shows how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

Rule #1	Rule #2	Rule #3	Rule #4
must have same weight	Must have same ramp	must start at same time and stop at same	must be powered by gravity
Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason
the heavier the car is the faster it will go	if your ramp is steeper	if you don't you will have more or less time to win	if you don't have a gravity power you will win

# speed racer

## rule#1

the cars must have same wieght

### reason

the heavier an object  
is the faster it will go

## rule#2

must have the same ramp

### reason

if your ramp is steeper  
you might win

## rule#3

must start at the same time  
and stop at the same time

### reason

if you do not you  
might win or lose

## rule#4

must be powered  
by gravity

### reason

if you have a motor  
powered you will win

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A3

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### Attributes of Educational Technology Standards

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	Plan Projects	Uses a digital tool to plan an investigation related directly to the student task.	1	0
1.1.2	Collect and Graph Data	Collects data related directly to the student task.	1	1
		Graphs data using a digital tool.	1	0
	Recognize Patterns	Uses an interactive resource (online simulation or graphing tool) to identify a pattern or trend. <i>For example, “The graph shows that as the weight of a ball increases, so does its speed down the ramp.”</i>	1	1
Multimedia Product				
1.1.1	Produce Multimedia	Creates a digital product to communicate information.	1	1
		Combines audio, text, graphs, video, symbols, or pictures that are related directly to the student task into product.	1	0
	Organize Ideas	Uses information gathered during the investigation to explain how the rules will make the race fair.	1	1
		Uses features (font, color, transitions) of the digital tool to effectively communicate main ideas to the audience. <i>For example, different font sizes are used consistently to show headers and subjects or transitions to reveal answers.</i>	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
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## Grades 4 – 5 Speed Racer Science, Math, and Educational Technology Assessment

A3

### Discussion

Sample A3 represents student work which meets the standards for educational technology. It earns 6 attribute points for a Level 2 response. During the research process, the student determines a specific question to investigate: How does the weight of an object affect the speed and distance of an object? The student also identifies a pattern or trend after using the Intergalactic Luge Simulation. S/He states, “With more gravity and the weight, it takes longer to start but once it gets going it goes the fastest of all. I noticed that from slowest to fastest it went Mars, Earth, and Sun.” There is another statement: “I noticed that the weight is connected to gravity and if there is more gravity the luger will go faster down the track.” The student collects data related to the question and task (weight of object vs. distance travels), but does not use a digital tool to graph this information.

Similar to Sample A2, the final product earns three attribute points for using a digital tool, applying information from the research to explain the rules, and using different features of the multimedia tool (such as font color and arrows) to communicate learning.

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**Lab: Speed Racer**

You have been asked to judge a toy car race. Last year, some cars were **so much faster** than others that it was believed some racers might have cheated. The organizers want the race to be fair. They would like you to **write a set of at least four rules** for the event to ensure no car can cheat to win. The **rules must be based on evidence** about how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

To develop the rules, you will need to **plan and conduct an investigation, collect and interpret data, and explain how your rules will make the race fair.** Use digital tools to organize your information and communicate your results to the Racing Committee. Speed is determined by the distance traveled divided by the time traveled (for example, mph in a car).

Luger Race Observation Data: Choose earth and two other space objects. Collect data for three trials of each.

Gravity(Earth)	1/2 time	Total time
1.0 (Earth)		
Trial #1	37.4 seconds	55.5 seconds
Trial #2	36.6 seconds	54.8 seconds
Trial #3	36.6 seconds	54.8 seconds
Average (mean)	36.90	165.1
Mars		
Gravity 0.379	1/2 time	Total time
Trial #1	53.2 sec.	82.1 sec.
Trial #2	53.6 sec.	82.5 sec.
Trial #3	55.8 sec.	85.0 sec.
Average (mean)	54.2 sec.	249.6 sec.
Sun		
Gravity 29.05	1/2 time	Total time
Trial #1	8.1 seconds	11.5 sec.
Trial #2	8.1 sec.	11.5 sec.
Trial #3	8.1 sec.	11.5 sec.
Average (mean)	8.1	11.5
What do you notice?		
<p>With more gravity and the weight, it takes longer to start but once it gets going it goes the fastest of all. I noticed that from slowest to fastest it went Mars, Earth, and Sun</p>		

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**Research/Purpose Question:** How does the weight of a round object affect the speed of a round object?

**Background information (based on the Intergalactic Luge activity and previously learned information)**

What did you notice about the relationship between the weight of the luger and his/her speed down the track?

I noticed that the weight is connected to gravity and if there is more gravity the luger will go faster down the track.

Newton's First Law of Motion: An object in motion stays in motion unless it is acted on by a force same with an object at rest

Newton's Second Law of Motion: Force varies with mass and acceleration

**Hypothesis (predict the answer to your research question):** I predict

I predict that if the object is heavier it will go faster and further than a lighter object.

**Materials:** 1 meter stick, 3 different size marbles, mathbook, journal, timer

**Procedure: What are the steps to test your research question?**

- ① gather supplies and make a ramp
- ② roll the candy down the ramp (timing for 3 seconds)
- ③ measure the distance & put data in data table
- ④ do the same for the large and small marble
- ⑤ repeat numbers 2-4 for trials 2 & 3
- ⑥ find the average distance for each object
- ⑦ find the average speed for each object
- ⑧ make graph table

**Data Collection**

The Distance an Object Travels in 3 Seconds

Type of Object (Manipulated Variable: place on X axis)	D Distance in centimeters (Responding Variable: place on Y axis)				
	Trial #1	Trial #2	Trial #3	Average Distance (mean)	Average Speed (distance divided by time)
Round candy (lightest/lowest weight)	46cm	41cm	45cm	44 cm	14.6cm per sec.
Small marble (middle weight)	62cm	61cm	67cm	63.3cm	21.1 cm per sec
Large marble (heaviest/most weight)	88cm	83cm	79cm	83.3cm	27.8cm per sec

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**Graph.** Make a line graph of your data, using centimeter graph paper.

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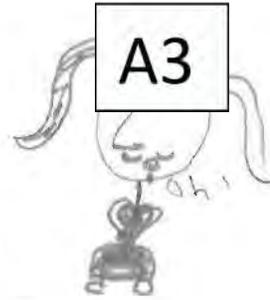
**Conclusion:** What does your table and graph show? How does the weight of the round object affect the speed of the round object? Answer your research question, using data from your table and graph.

*My table and graph show that the heavier object will roll faster. The weight of an object affects the speed because heavier objects roll faster. My data shows*

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*shows the big marble rolling at 83.3 cm and the small marble rolling at 83.3cm this shows that bigger objects roll faster because they have more weight.*

<p><b>Rule #1:</b> <i>Cars must be made out of the same materials</i></p>	<p><b>Rule #2:</b> <i>Cars must use the same track</i></p>
<p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities) <i>Cars could be made out of materials that were heavier and the car would go faster or electric, gas, or energy powered</i></p>	<p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities) <i>IF one track is smaller the car will finish quicker</i></p>
<p><b>Rule #3:</b> <i>Cars must start at the same place</i></p>	<p><b>Rule #4:</b> <i>Cars must go at the same time</i></p>
<p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities) <i>Some</i></p>	<p>Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)</p>



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**Plan a project and test your solution (your rules).** Create a model using the following materials.

**Materials:** a toy car, tape, pennies to change the weight, ramp, ruler, math book, folder

**Project plan.** How will you test your rules, using a model?

How does the weight of an object affect the speed and distance of the object

procedure ① gather materials ② Build a ramp ③ roll the car down the ramp with no extra weight ④ do that again with one penny on top of the car ⑤ do that again with 2 pennies on the car ⑥ record speed and distance for each

The data collected to prove my rules are fair:

Amount of weight/objects	Distance in centimeters traveled in 5 seconds			Average
	Trial #1	Trial #2	Trial #3	
no weight	82 cm	65 cm	74 cm	73.6 cm
1 penny	71 cm	69 cm	66 cm	68.6
2 pennies	73 cm	69.5 cm	77 cm	73

⑦ input data in data table  
⑧ share results average

**Presentation:**

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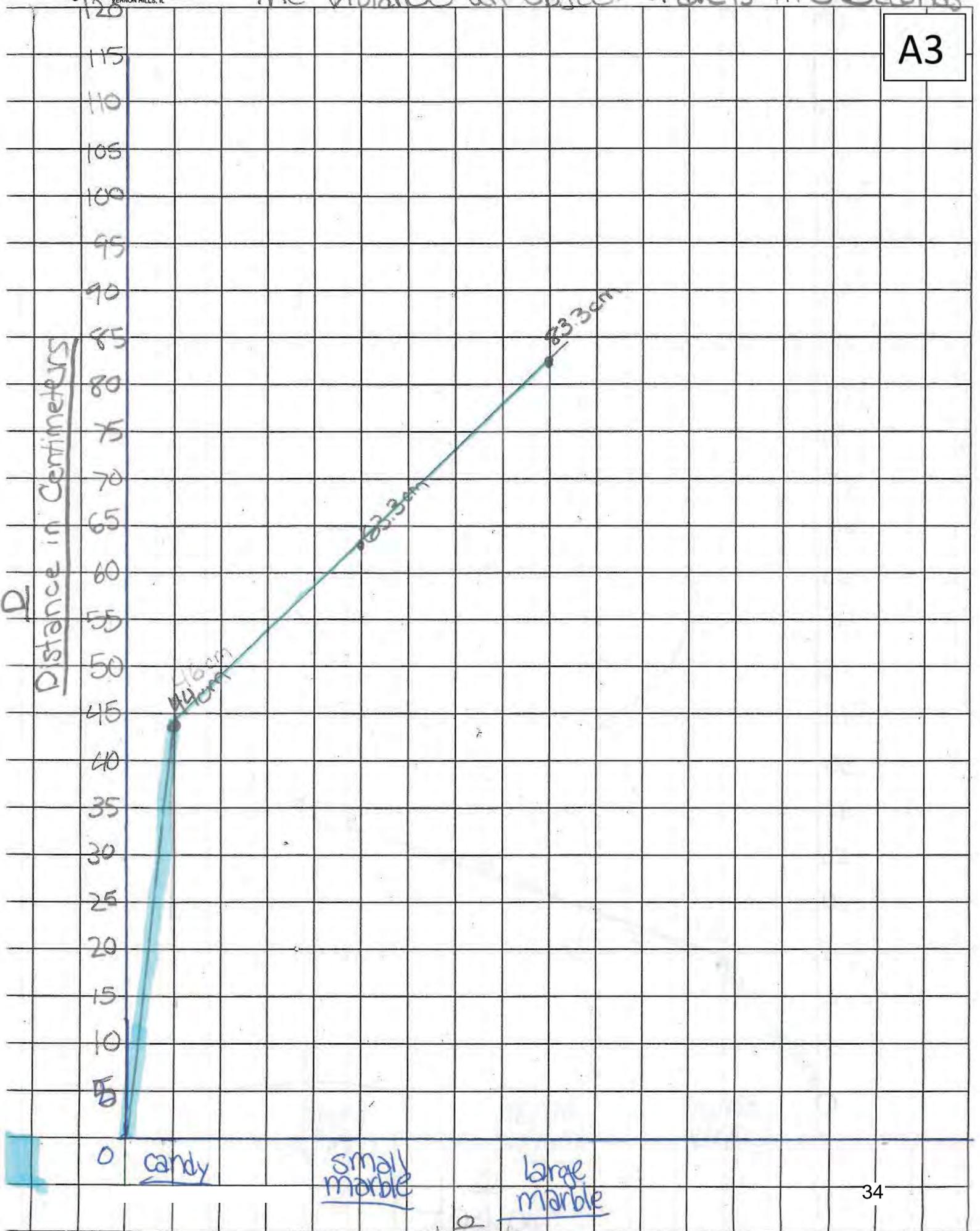
This shows my rules are fair because I used my rules and none of my data was out of the ordinary.

My highest average was 73.6 and that was without weight, my next highest was 73 and that was

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# The Distance an Object Travels in 3 Seconds

A3



# Average Speed Per Second

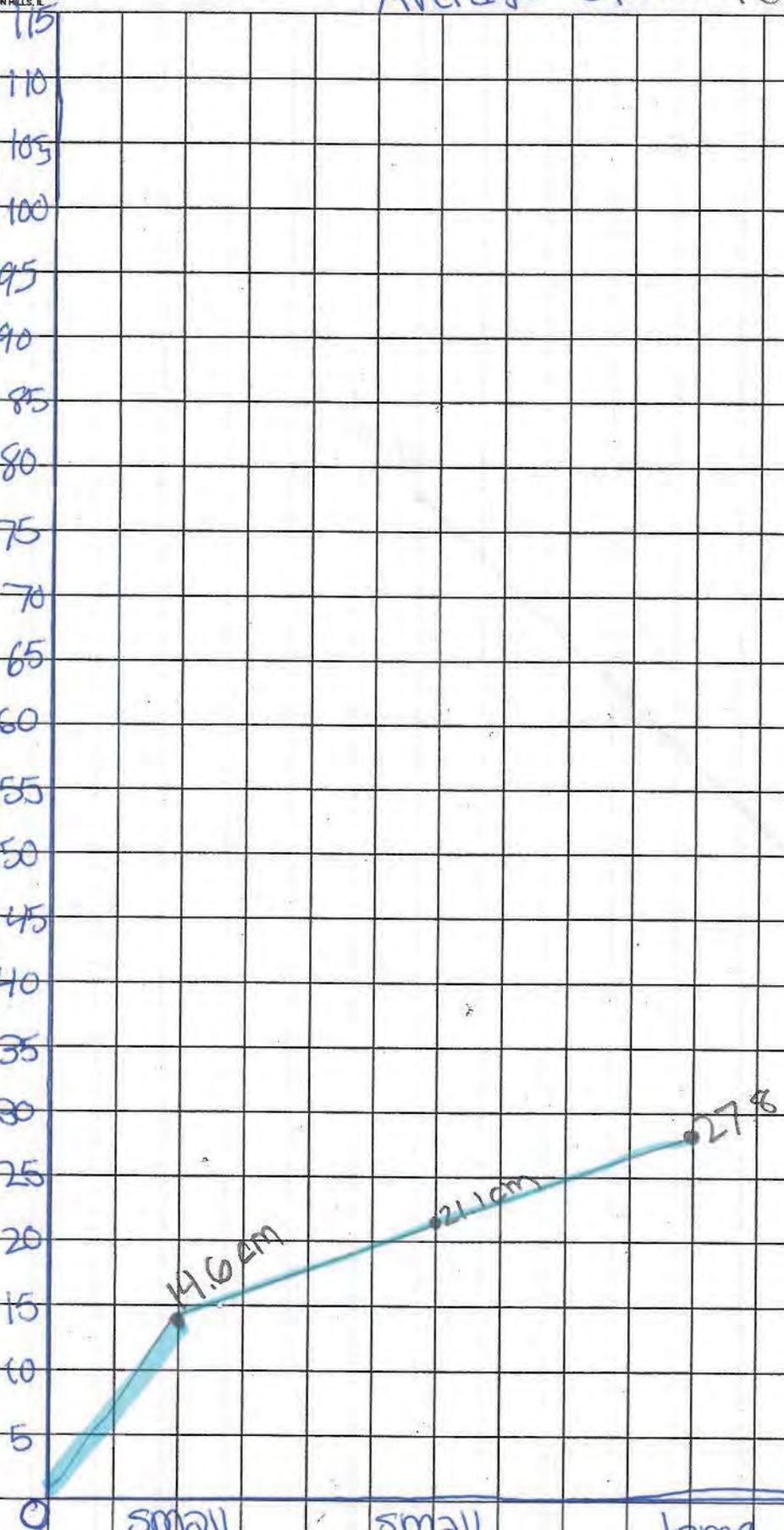
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object



- ① Cars must be made out of the same materials
- ② Cars must use the same track
- ③ cars must start ~~the~~ at the same place
- ④ Cars must go at the same time

① - Cars could be made of objects that could give an unfair advantage.

② - A car could use a steeper track that would pick up more speed and make the race unfair.

③ - The cars must start at the same place because if one car starts someplace closer to the finish line it would not be a fair race.

④ - If one car goes before the others it will be further ahead when the other cars go.

**Speed Racer Project Plan**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Define the Problem**

What is the problem you are trying to solve?

Trying to make the race reasonably fair because it is believed that some racers cheated last year

**Criteria for Solution**

How will you know if the problem has been solved? What evidence will you use?

I will know if the problem has been solved when all of the racers go about the same speed.

**Tools and Materials**

List all of the tools and materials you will need to develop a solution to the problem.

ramp, cars, timer, ruler

(Books, journal)

**Design a Model**

Describe what you will do to create a model to test as a solution.

add pennies to a toy car

**Test the Solution**

Describe how you will test the solution. What steps will you take?

built a ramp, let 1 car without pennies roll down for 5 seconds, see where it stops, do 3 trials for each, add 1 penny to a car and do the same thing, add 2 pennies and do the same things

Speed Racer Project Plan  
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### Results

What are the results of your test? Use a combination of words, tables, graphs, or pictures to show the data and observations.

My test shows that cars without weight go the fastest, see graph

### Modify the Design

What could you do to modify the design and improve the results?

I could do the investigation on a smoother surface or with a steeper ramp.

### Communicate the Solution

List the rules you developed for the toy car race. Be sure to include evidence that shows how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

Cars must be made out of the same materials, because cars could be made out of materials that were heavier so the cars would go faster or they could be electric, gas, or energy powered.

Cars must start at the same place, because other cars would be far ahead and some cars couldn't catch up.

Cars must use the same track so that none of the ramps are steeper than others.

Cars must go at the same time or else other cars won't be able to catch up.

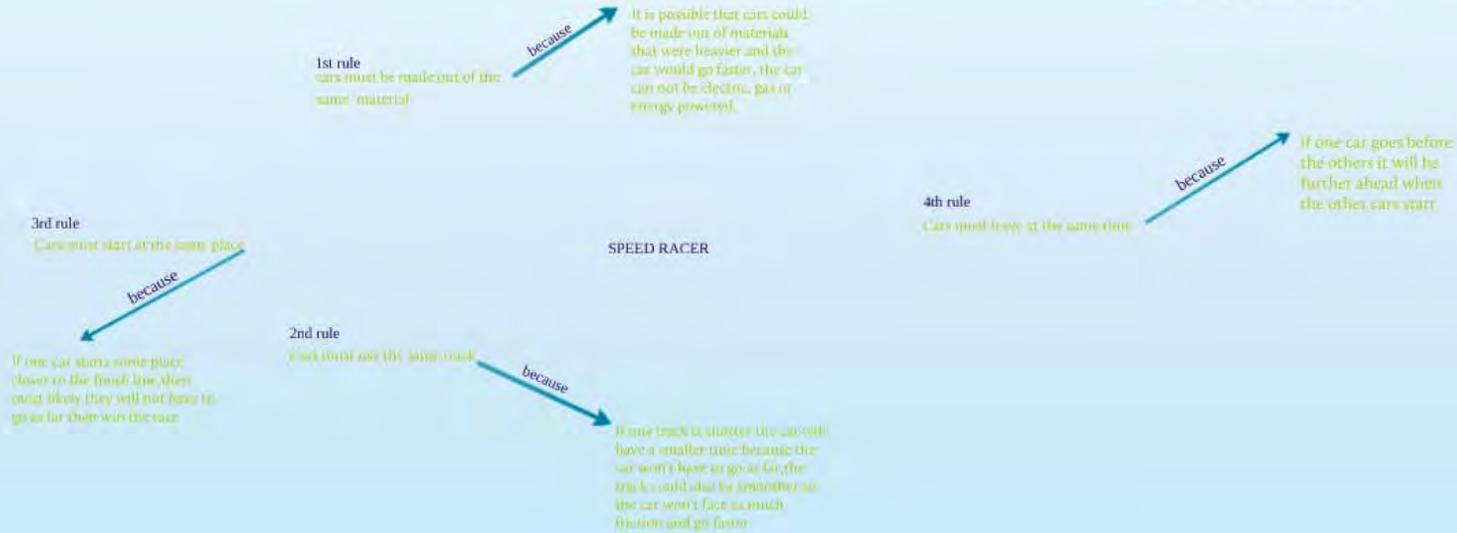
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This shows my rules are fair because I used my rules and none of my rules were out of the ordinary. My highest average was 73.6cm and that was with out weight, my next highest was 73 cm and that was with 2 pennies. Therefore my conclusion shows that more weight doesn't always mean the furthest.

**Research Question:**  
How does the weight of an object affect the speed of an object????

### PROCEDURE:

- gather materials
- build a ramp
- roll the car down the ramp for 5 seconds without any extra weight, take 3 trials
- do that again with one penny on top of the car, take 3 trials
- do that again with 2 pennies on top of the car, take 3 trials
- record speed and distance for each
- put data in data table
- share results



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# Grades 4 – 5 Speed Racer

## Science, Math, and Educational Technology Assessment

A4

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A4

**Discussion**

The student work represented by Sample A4 meets the standards for educational technology and is almost a Level 3 product. It is similar to Sample A3 in that the attributes related to the research process (asks original questions, collects data, identifies patterns or trends using interactive resources). However, there is an important difference in the multimedia product. In Sample A4, the student includes pictures of a ramp and cars, and also draws a data table. The work earns the attribute point for “Combines audio, text, graphs, video, symbols, or pictures that are related directly to the student task into product” because it includes text, pictures, and the table.

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Trial #1	36.8	55.0
Trial #2	37.0	65.1
Trial #3	37.1	65.3
Average (mean)	37.	165.4
Gravity (pluto) 0.069		
Trial #1	91.7	153.2
Trial #2	94.1	156.3
Trial #3	94.0	156.2
Average (mean)	94.	155.2
Gravity (sun) 28.06		
Trial #1	8.0	11.5
Trial #2	8.0	11.5
Trial #3	8.0	11.5
Average (mean)	8	11.5
What do you notice?		
That on pluto it was slowest and had least gravity so the less gravity a space object has the slower the longer goes on it.		

**Research/Purpose Question:** How does the weight of a round object affect the speed of a round object?

**Background information (based on the Intergalactic Luge activity and previously learned information)**

What did you notice about the relationship between the weight of the luger and his/her speed down the track?

If his weight is higher he will go faster depending on the power.

Newton's First Law of Motion: Objects like to stay doing what they are already doing.

Newton's Second Law of Motion:  $Force = Mass \times acceleration$

**Hypothesis (predict the answer to your research question):** I predict

The weight of a round object would be how big the planet is and it would cause the other round object to be faster.

**Materials:** meter stick, 3 marbles, math book, clock

**Procedure: What are the steps to test your research question?**

- 1) First you gather materials and set everything up.
- 2) When the teacher tells you to let go, let go of your small marble, wait, big and stop it at 3 sec.
- 3) Record in table how far it went.
- 4) Repeat with medium and big marbles, 2-3 for trials 2-3.

**Data Collection** 5) compare results  
The Distance an Object Travels in 3 Seconds

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Speed is determined by dividing the distance traveled by the time traveled (for example, mph in a car).

Rule #1:

Put different weights of cars in their one race

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

so a heavy one can not be in a race with a really light car

Rule #2:

stop the cars at the same amount of time

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

so one does not have more time to get to a certain distance.

Rule #3:

Keep the ramp the same steepness

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

so that one car does not get more of a boost using gravity

Rule #4:

start at the same point

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

so no car can have an advantage of more time on the ramp

**Plan a project and test your solution** (your rules). Create a model using the following materials.

**Materials:** a toy car, tape, pennies to change the weight, ramp.

**Project plan.** How will you test your rules, using a model?

Research Question: will the weight of the car affect the speed when going down the ramp.

- ① gather materials and set up
- ② put cars at top of ramp
- ③ let go stop at 3 seconds
- ④ when the stop record distance. ⑤ do 3 more times

The data collected to prove my rules are fair:

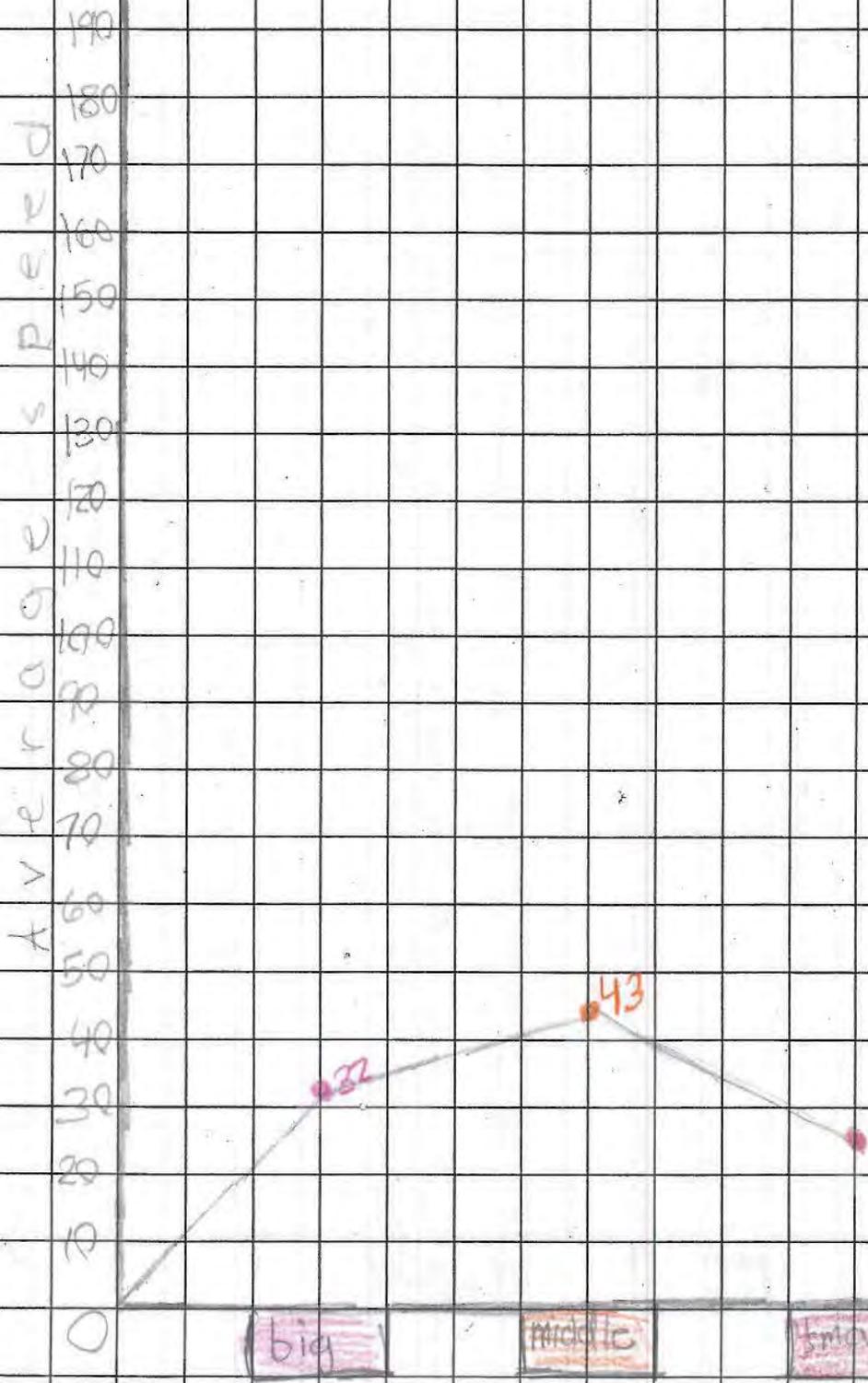
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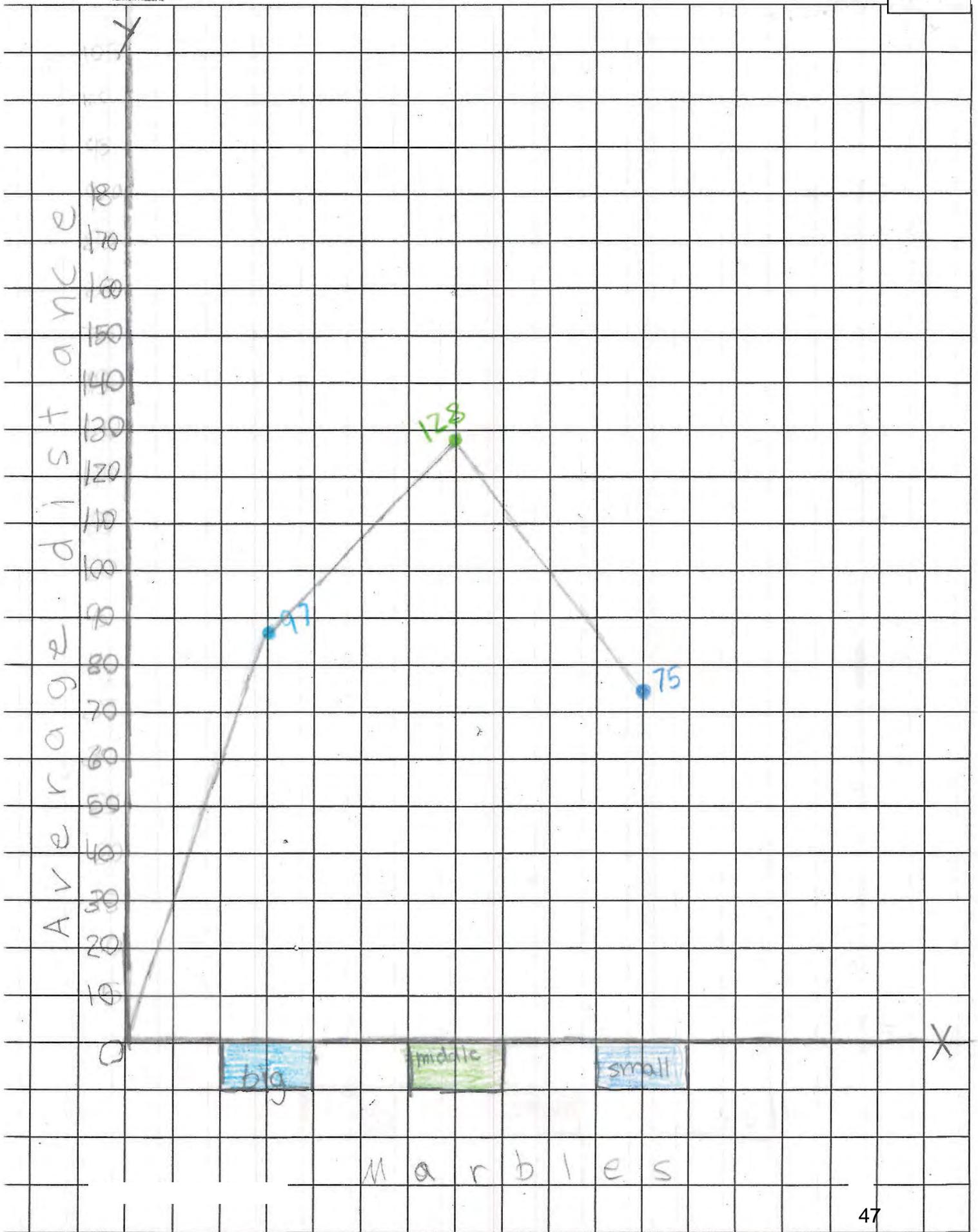
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This test shows my rules are fair because they all went about the same distance





# Speed Racer



Start at the top, push the car and take out from the side/top of ramp. Run on the ramp.

**Data table**

Car	In Inches		
	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
Car 1	11 1/2	12 1/4	11 3/4
Car 2	11 1/4	12	11



Rule #3

Rule #4

Rule #1

My record is to stop the cars at the same amount of time. The students will measure time to get to the maximum distance.

- Plan/Procedure**
1. gather and set up supplies
  2. put car on top of ramp and hold till you are told to let go
  3. let go and stop car at three seconds
  4. record data
  5. repeat steps 2-4 two more times for trial #2 and #3

Repeat steps 2-4 two more times for trial #2 and #3

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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
A <b>Level 3 response</b> (8 - 9 points) exceeds the standards and reflects that a student can demonstrate knowledge and ability beyond the requirements for Educational Technology GLEs 1.1.1, 1.1.2, and 1.3.1.				L3

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**Discussion**

Sample A5 represents work which exceeds the standards for educational technology. It earns eight out of nine possible attribute points and is a Level 3 product. The student identifies a question (How does the weight affect the speed and distance of the car.), collects and graphs data using a digital tool, then identifies a pattern (This test shows my rules are fair because the heavier the car the faster the car goes.)

The multimedia product earns all of the possible attribute points. The student uses different colors and symbols, as well as the overall layout, to communicate main ideas. There is an explanation of a rule based on the research conducted. And, the student uses both text and a data table in the final product.

Please visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/EdTech/Assessment/VideoIndex.aspx#A5> to see the multimedia product for Sample A5.

**Lab: Speed Racer**

You have been asked to judge a toy car race. Last year, some cars were so much faster than others that it was believed some racers might have cheated. The organizers want the race to be fair. They would like you to write a set of at least four rules for the event to ensure no car can cheat to win. The rules must be based on evidence about how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

To develop the rules, you will need to plan and conduct an investigation, collect and interpret data, and explain how your rules will make the race fair. Use digital tools to organize your information and communicate your results to the Racing Committee. Speed is determined by the distance traveled divided by the time traveled (for example, mph in a car).

Luger Race Observation Data: Choose earth and two other space objects. Collect data for three trials of each.

Gravity(Earth)	1/2 time	Total time
1.0 (Earth)		
Trial #1	36.8 seconds	55.0 seconds
Trial #2	37 seconds	55.1 seconds
Trial #3	37.1 seconds	55.3 seconds
Average (mean)	36.9 seconds	55.1 seconds
Gravity (Sun) 28.05	1/2 time	Total time
Trial #1	8.0 seconds	11.5 seconds
Trial #2	8.0 seconds	11.5 seconds
Trial #3	8.0 seconds	11.5 seconds
Average (mean)	8.0 seconds	11.5 seconds
Gravity (pluto) .069	1/2 time	Total time
Trial #1	91.7 seconds	153.2 seconds
Trial #2	94.1 seconds	156.3 seconds
Trial #3	94.0 seconds	156.3 seconds
Average (mean)	93.3 seconds	155.2

What do you notice?

I notice that the less gravity (pluto) planets go slower (155.2 sec) than Earth and the sun has more gravity and goes an average of 11.5 sec. which is faster than the average of Earth which is 55.1 sec.

**Research/Purpose Question:** How does the weight of a round object affect the speed of a round object?

**Background information (based on the Intergalactic Luge activity and previously learned information)**

What did you notice about the relationship between the weight of the <sup>boy</sup>luger and his/her speed down the track?

On the sun the weight of the sled was 28 x more than on the Earth and it goes faster.

**Newton's First Law of Motion:** Things that are in motion stay in motion <sup>until acted upon by a force</sup> and things at rest stay at rest until acted upon by a force.

**Newton's Second Law of Motion:** Force = mass x acceleration

**Hypothesis (predict the answer to your research question):** I predict that the weight on the round object makes it faster if it is heavier.

**Materials:** 3 different sized marbles, meter stick, journal, math book, timer

**Procedure: What are the steps to test your research question?**

- 1) Get materials 2) set up books 3) set timer for 3 sec. 4) roll marble down (wait 3 sec.) 5) measure distance 7) record in data table 8) repeat steps 3-7 2 times for trial 2 & 3 and do for all three marbles 9) compare results

**Data Collection**

The Distance an Object Travels in 3 Seconds

Type of Object (Manipulated Variable: place on X axis)	D Distance in centimeters (Responding Variable: place on Y axis)				
	Trial #1	Trial #2	Trial #3	Average Distance (mean)	Average Speed (distance divided by time)
Round candy (lightest/lowest weight)	57cm	58cm	51cm	55.3cm	18.4 cm per sec.
Small marble (middle weight)	62.5cm	54cm	69cm	61.8cm	20.6 cm per sec.
Large marble (heaviest/most weight)	90cm	87cm	84cm	87cm	29 cm per sec.

**Graph.** Make a line graph of your data, using centimeter graph paper.

**Online graph.** Graph your information, using the graphing tool at

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph>.

Graph to  
ave

www.onlinecharttool

Print out a copy and include it with this lab sheet. Also, save the graph in your file.

**Conclusion:** What does your table and graph show? How does the weight of the round object affect the speed of the round object? Answer your research question, using data from your table and graph.

my prediction was correct the larger marble is faster and has on average of 81cm of distance the candy is 55.3cm and the small marble is 61.8cm

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Rule #1:

write not allowed to use electricity only the force of gravity

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

because some people may not use electricity and the ones that do should go a lot faster

Rule #2:

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

Rule #3:

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

Rule #4:

Reason for the rule (based on evidence collected in Speed Racer lab or online activities)

**Plan a project and test your solution** (your rules). Create a model using the following materials.

**Materials:** a toy car, tape, pennies to change the weight, ramp, ruler

**Project plan.** How will you test your rules, using a model?

research question: how does the weight affect the speed and distance of the car

procedure: 1) get materials, 2) build ramp, 3) make car, 4) test it all 5) start cars at top, 6) see who's car passed the finish line first 7) repeat steps 3-6

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The data collected to prove my rules are fair:

Car	Distance in mm			Average
	trial 1	trial 2	trial 3	
#1	24 mm	35 mm	41 mm	33.3
#2	74 mm	12 mm	60 mm	48.7

**Presentation:**

Use prez.com to make an online presentation of your solution to the problem. Your primary title should be "SPEED RACER." Include your rules, the reason your rules are fair, the plan you made to test your rules and the graph that you made from the Speed Racer lab. Also include science concepts that connect to your plan. If you use pictures or information from online or somewhere else, be sure to include the source that your pictures or information came from.

**Reference notes:** (name of web site or book, URL if online, author, date used)

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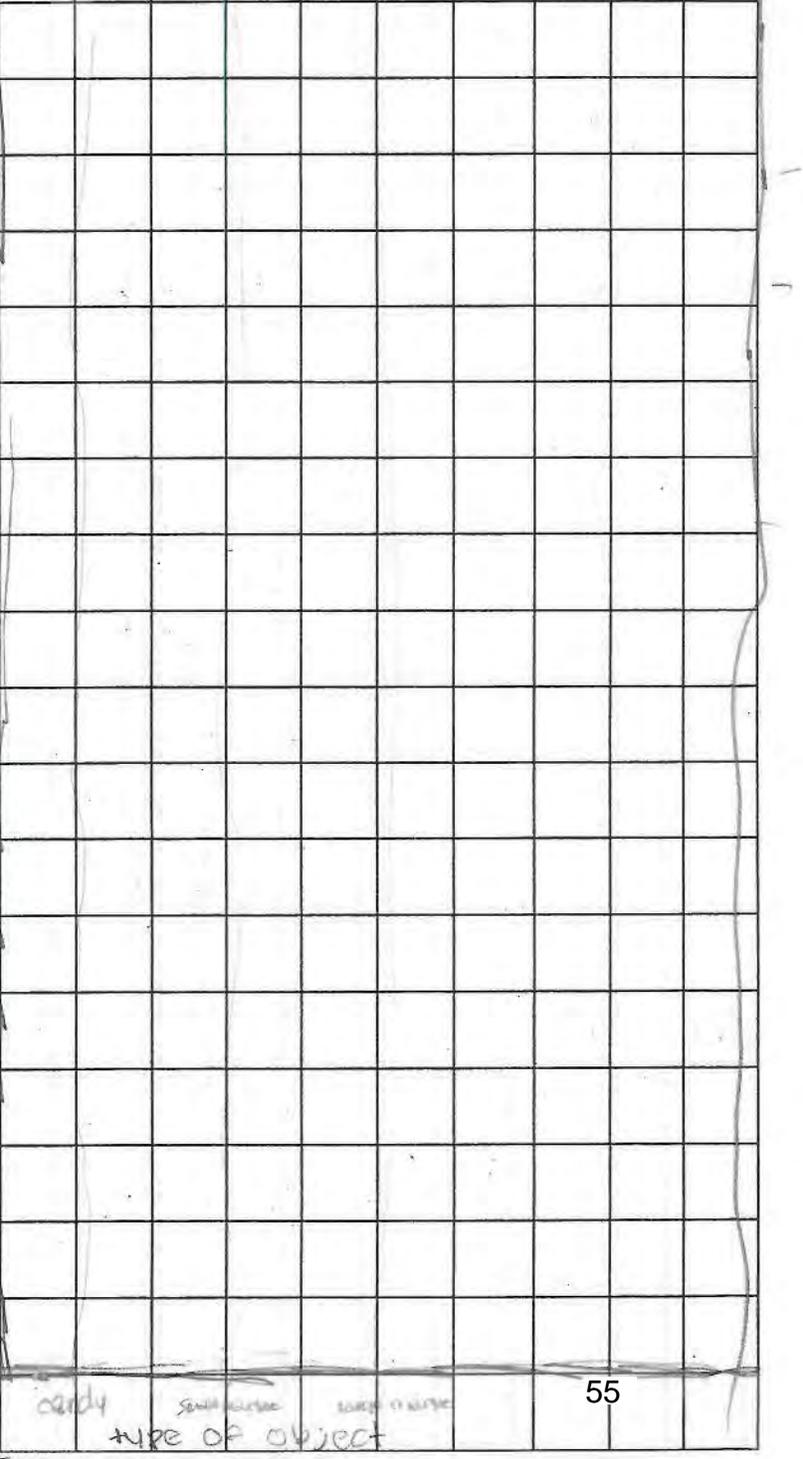
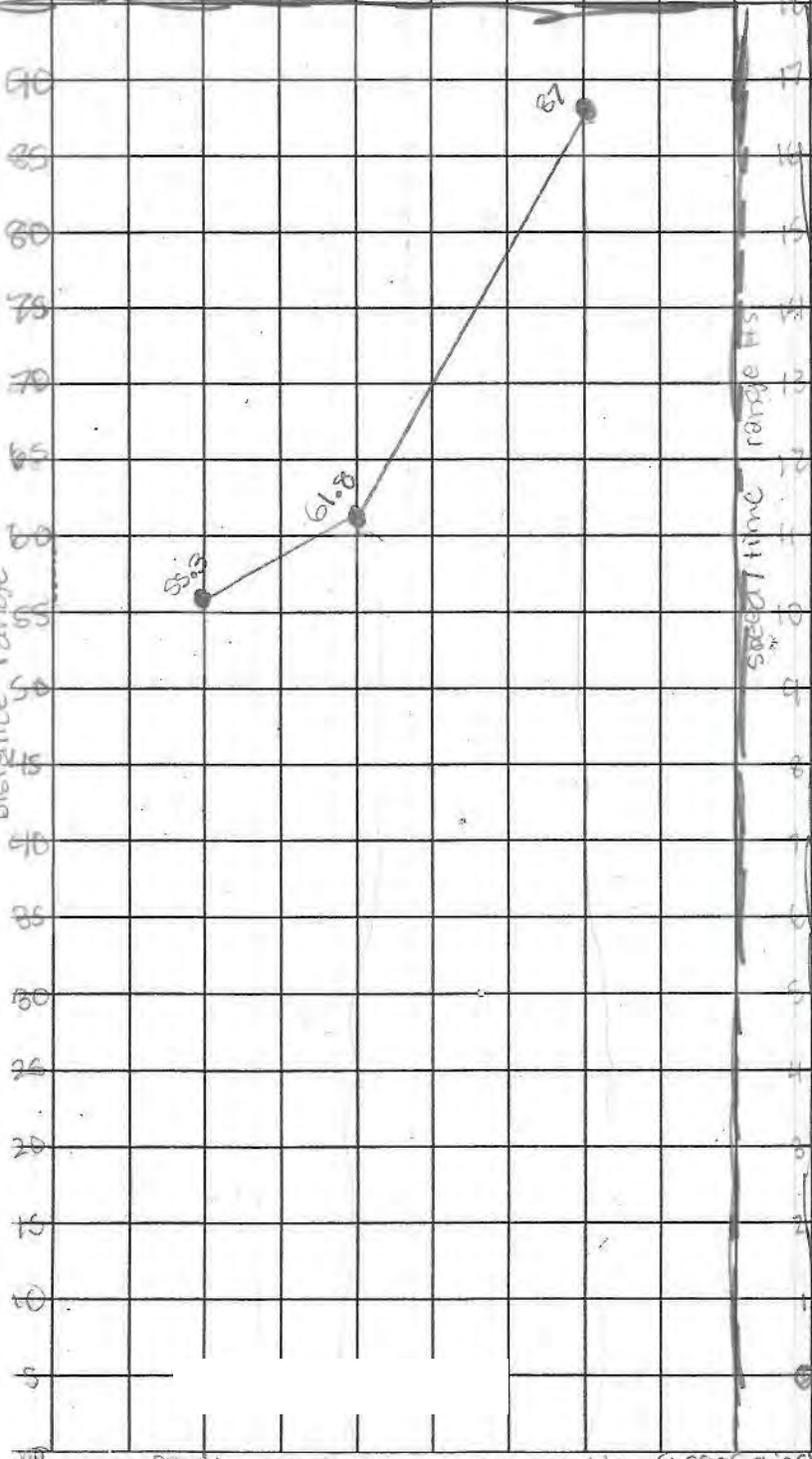
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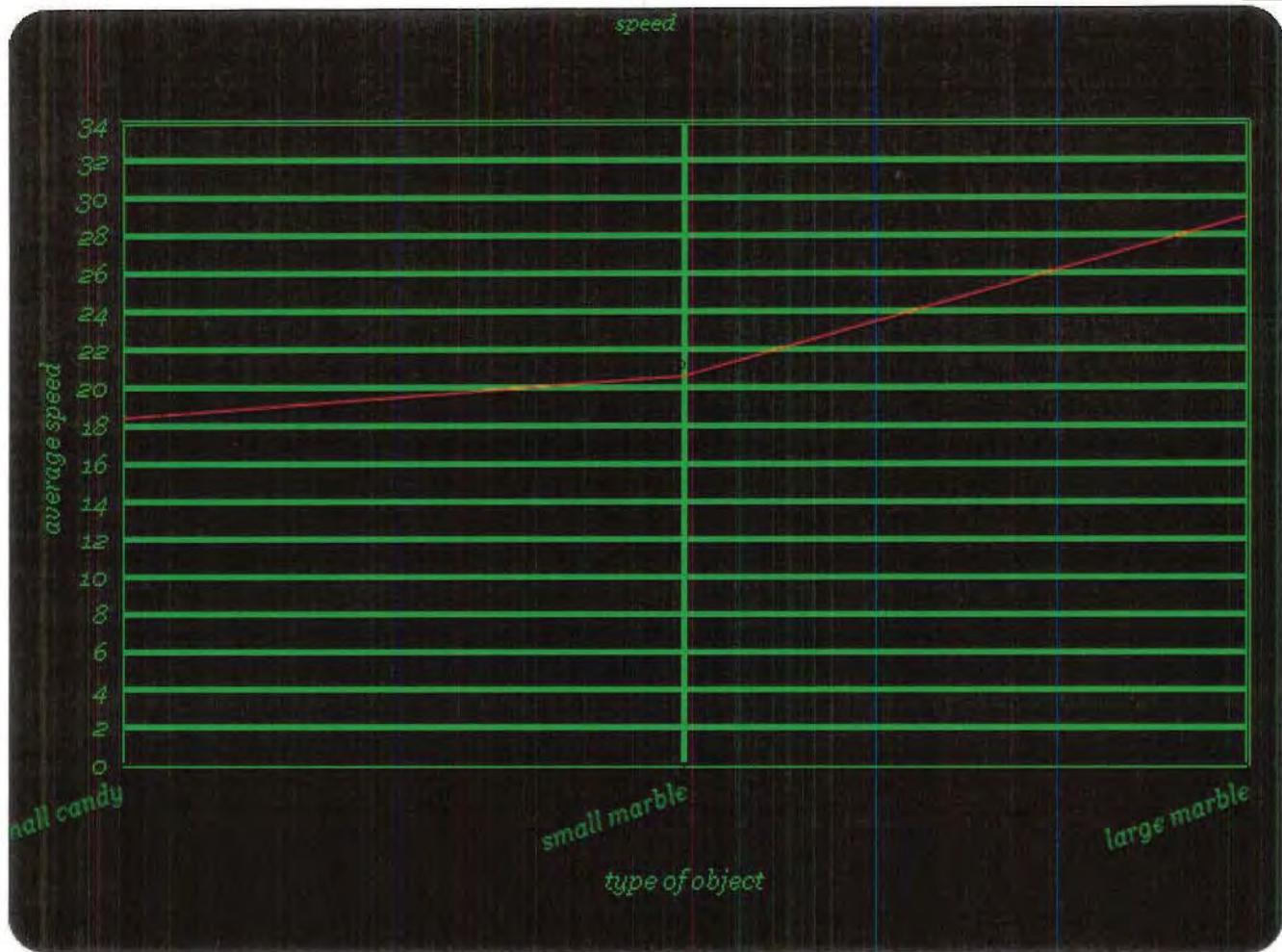
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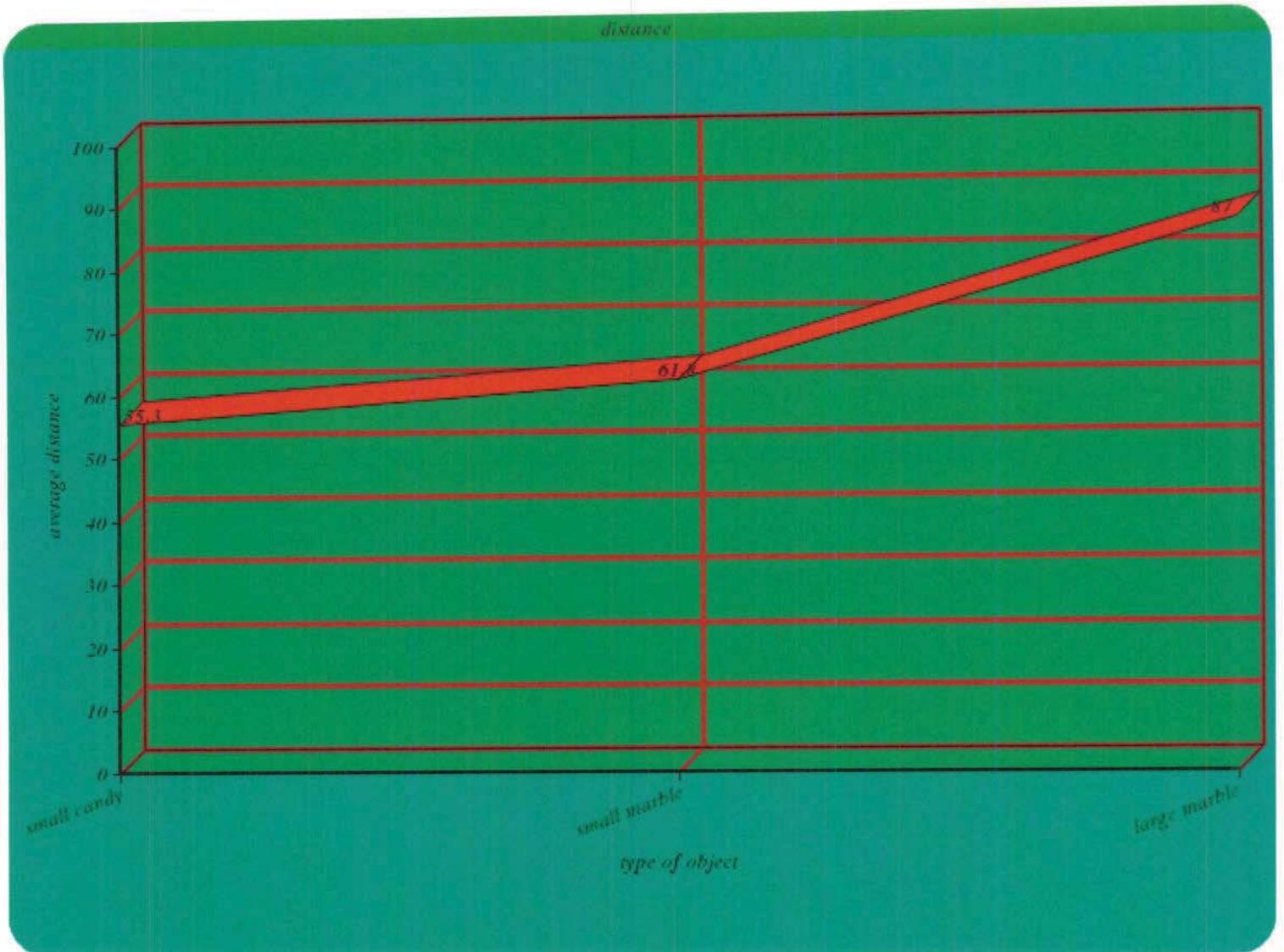
Marbles

Average distance



candy  
type of object





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Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Define the Problem

What is the problem you are trying to solve?

Some people created

### Criteria for Solution

How will you know if the problem has been solved? What evidence will you use?

You will make rules to make people not be as fast as others. You will know if the cars are <sup>so much faster than</sup> ~~the cars are~~

### Tools and Materials

List all of the tools and materials you will need to develop a solution to the problem.

You needs to make sure you have a pencil to sign down on paper. 4 rules for the racers

### Design a Model

Describe what you will do to create a model to test as a solution.

I will create 2 cars that are about the same and that follow the rules

### Test the Solution

Describe how you will test the solution. What steps will you take?

1) make and set up ramps and the ~~car~~ start the cars at the top at the same time

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#### Results

What are the results of your test? Use a combination of words, tables, graphs, or pictures to show the data and observations.

the rules did help.

see graph

#### Modify the Design

What could you do to modify the design and improve the results?

I could have added a little more weight to the slower car

#### Communicate the Solution

List the rules you developed for the toy car race. Be sure to include evidence that shows how weight, time, and distance affect the speed of an object rolling down a ramp.

not allowed to use electricity because then the power would make car go down ramp a lot faster

can't be more than 5 lbs. because then the car will have a lot more weight and go a lot faster down ramp

can't give car a boost at beginning because then it will go way ahead and go faster down ramp

a certain class of wheel size because the bigger the wheels the heavier the car and the faster the car

