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The practical
side of
science and
tech



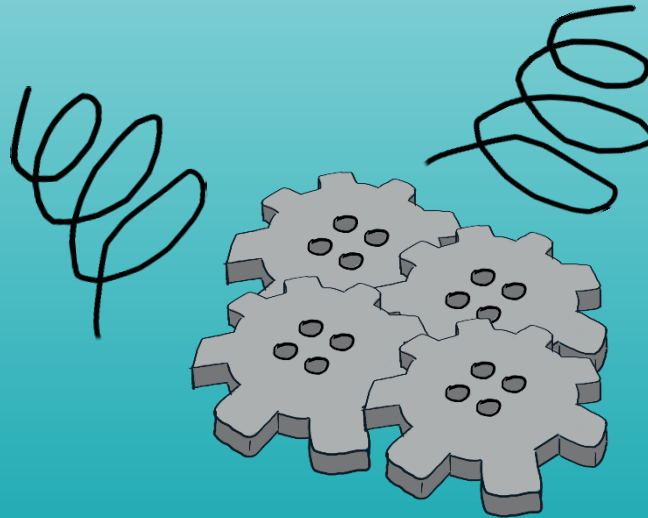
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Together for a new scientific generation

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The Challenge

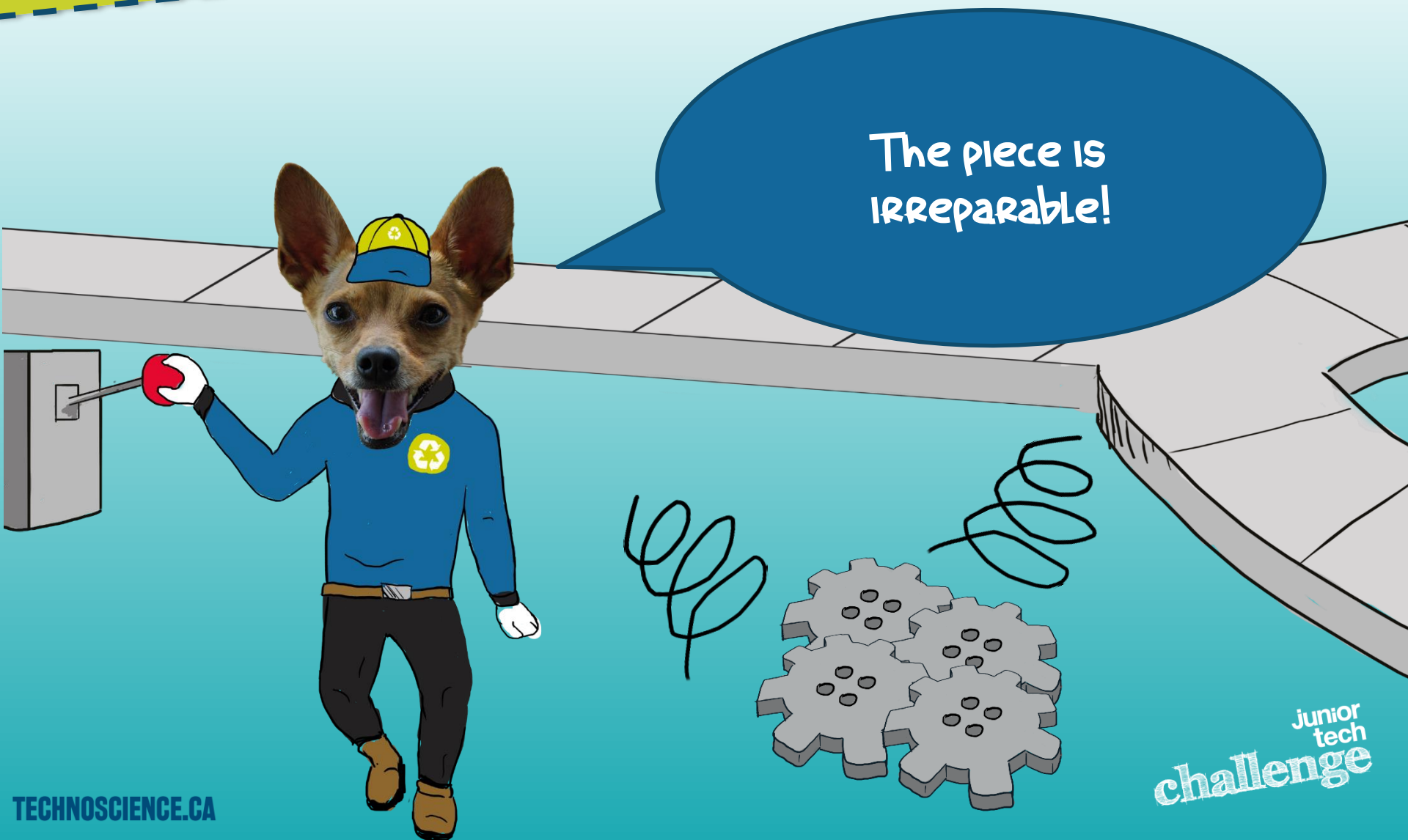
An essential piece of
the city's main sorting
machine broke down
last night!



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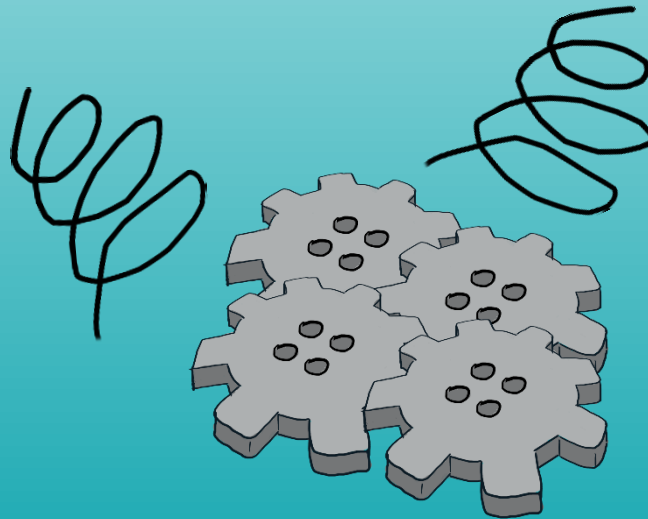


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We are asking you to
design and build a new
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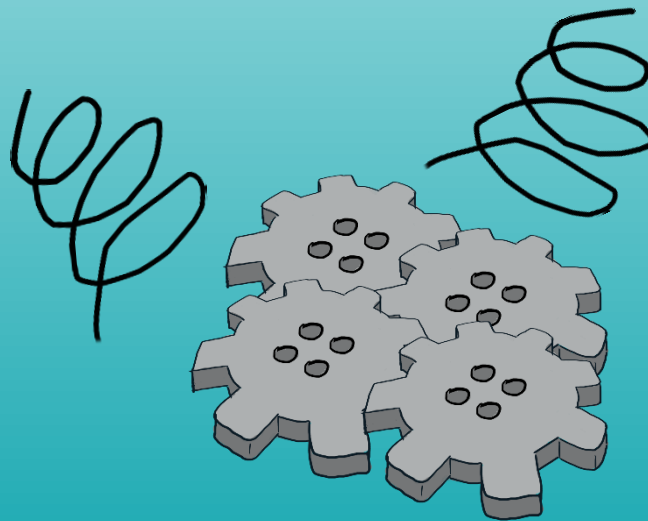


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The truck that picks
up the sorted
materials will arrive
TOMORROW MORNING!

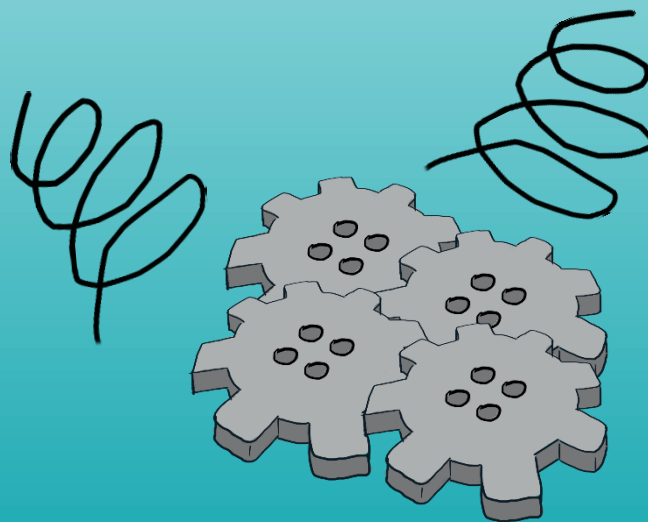


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It's urgent! There's
no time to waste!

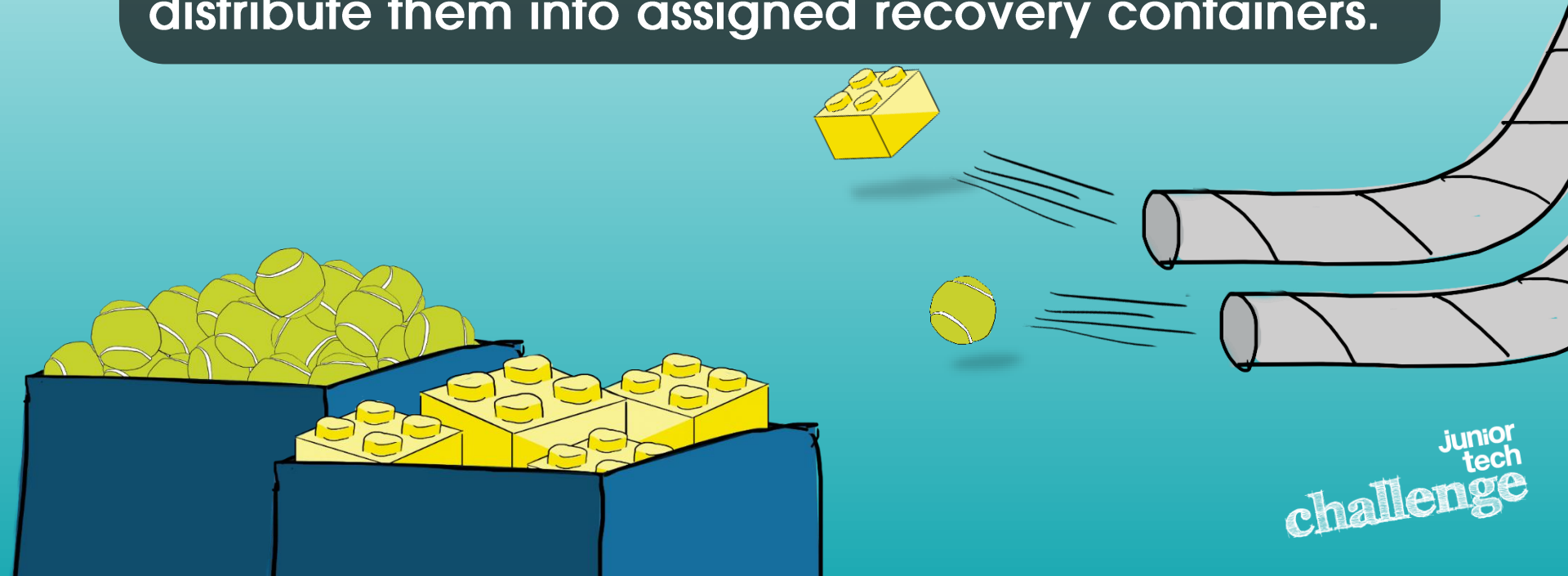


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By choosing materials from the list of permitted materials, design and produce a prototype that allows you to sort different types of objects and distribute them into assigned recovery containers.



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Each objet that is sorted correctly is worth 100 points.

Cycle 1

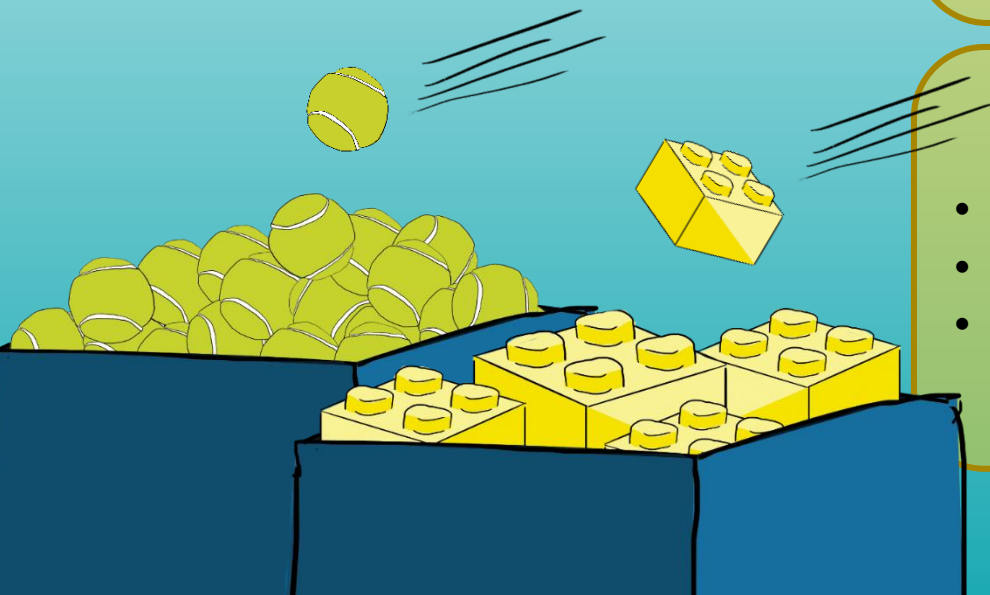
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- 5 marbles
- 5 ping pong balls

Cycle 2

- 5 marbles
- 5 centicubes
- 5 metal washers $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(12,7 mm inside diameter and
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Cycle 3

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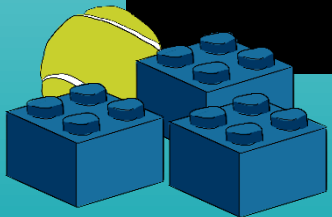
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Activity 1

Strategic Sorting



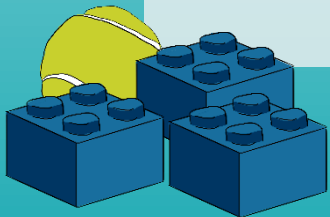
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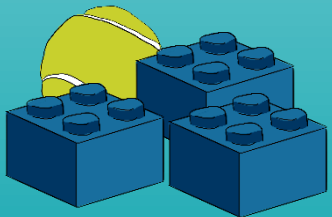
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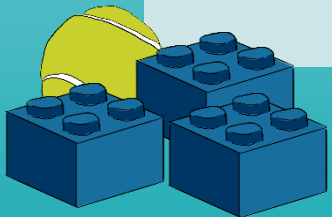
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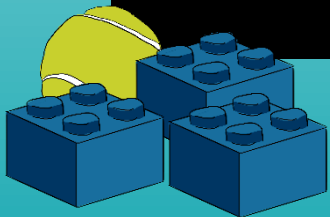
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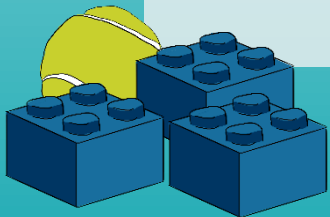
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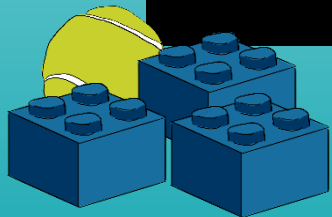
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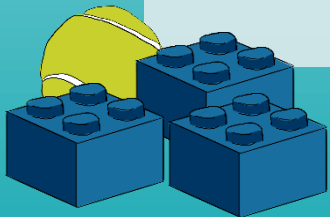
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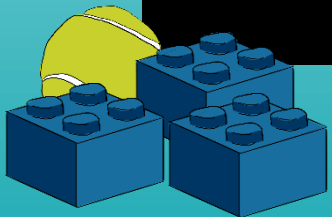
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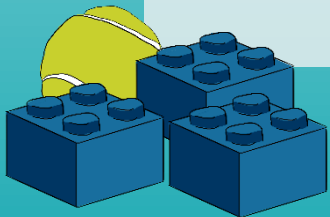
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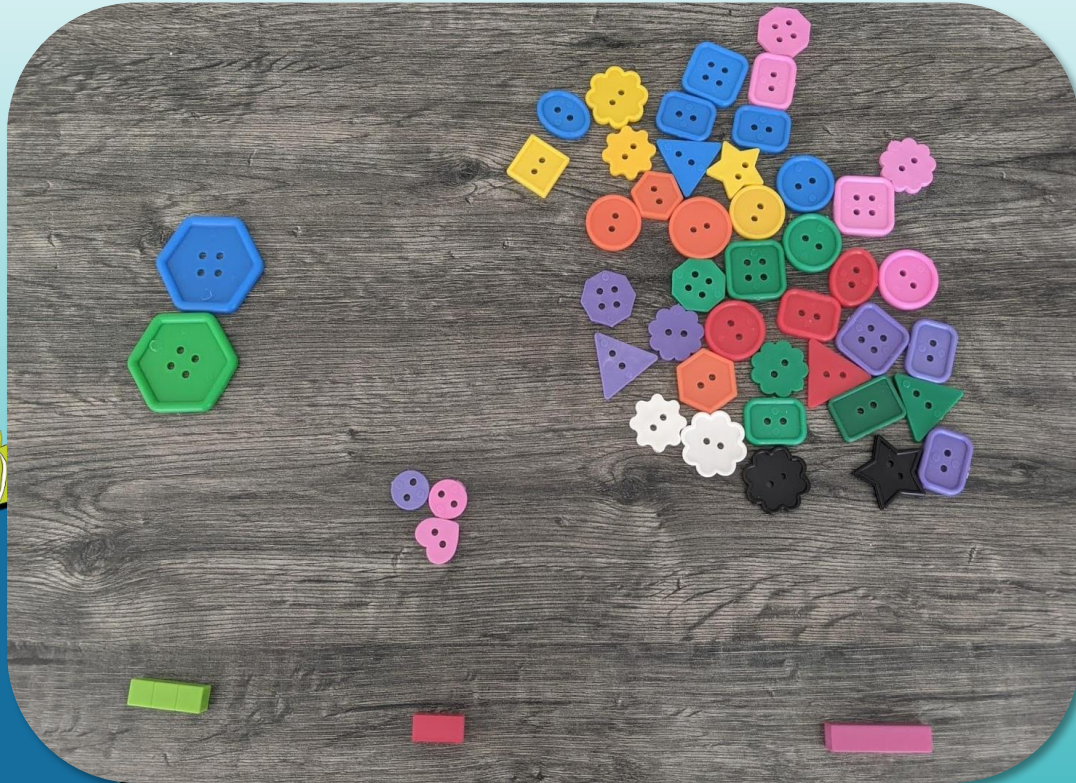
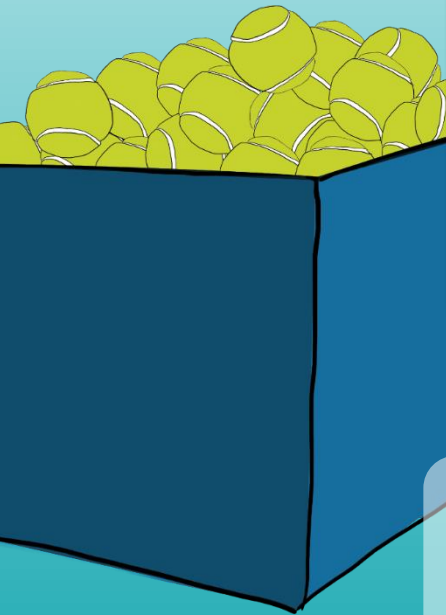
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Activity 2 – Part A

Birds of a Feather...!

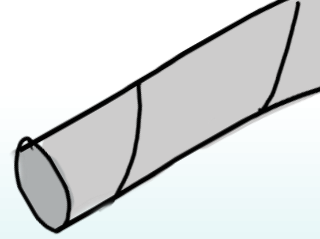
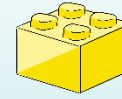


What is the SORTING CRITERION used?
Which categories are used?

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Activity 2 – Part A

Birds of a Feather...!

What could the sorting criterion be?
Which categories can be used to sort these objects?



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Birds of a Feather...!



Activity 2 – Part A

Birds of a Feather...!



Source : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvkZa6pr0QE>

**What is the criterion used to sort the LEGO?
What are the limitations of using this criterion?**



Activity 2 – Part B

Birds of a Feather...!

Let's exchange
bags and criteria!

Are the results the same?
Are the results different?
Which objects were sorted differently?
Were your categories clearly defined?

The background features a teal gradient with several stylized, hand-drawn clouds in white and light blue. One large cloud is on the left, a smaller one is in the upper center, another small one is in the lower left, and a large, billowy cloud is on the right.

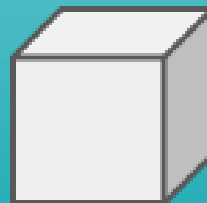
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Activity 3 – Part A

Let's Make an Impression!

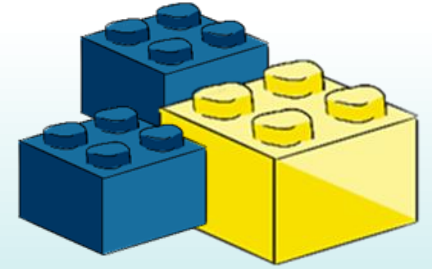
What impressions will these objects leave in plasticine?



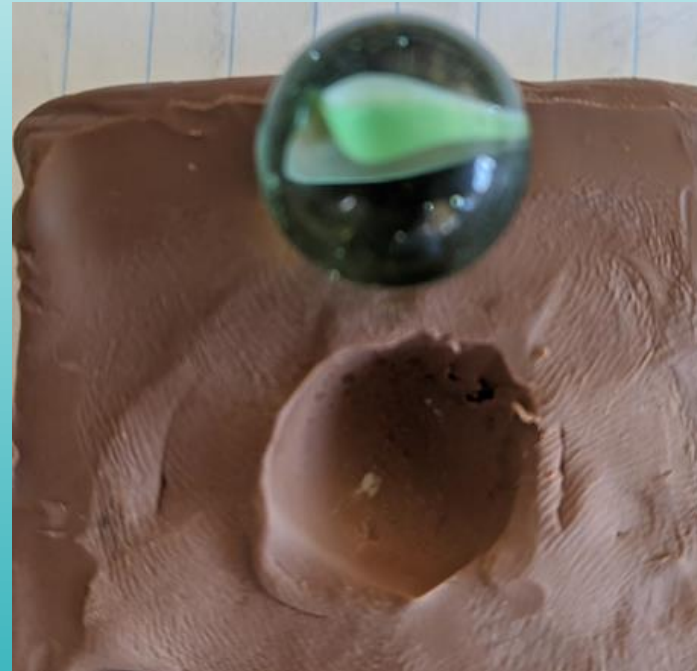
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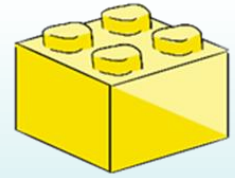
Examples of Impressions



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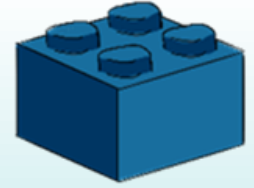


Are there any impressions that look the same?

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Why is it important to recognize the different impressions that are left by the objects to be sorted?

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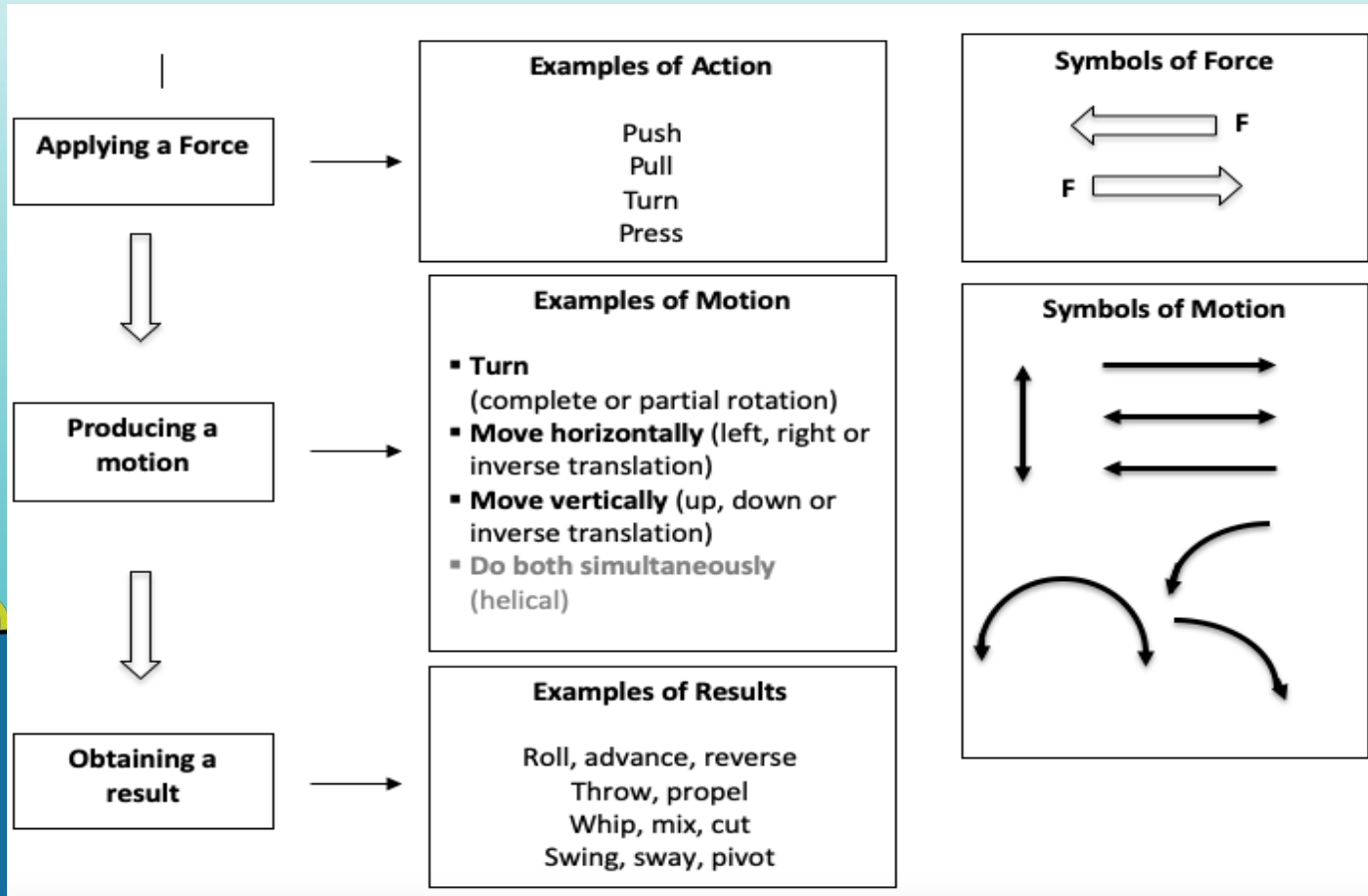
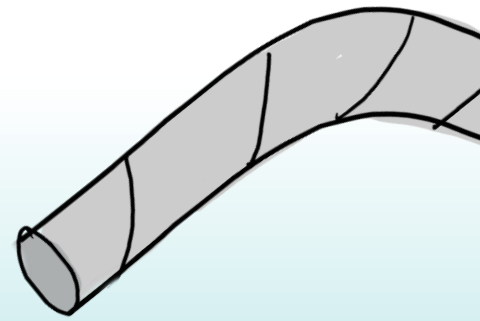
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Push, Pull, Turn!

Force and Motion



Activity 4 – Part A

Push, Pull, Turn!

Symbols of Force



Applying Force

I must apply a force to a technological object to set it in motion.

When I apply a force to an object, it can produce several results. We will focus on two of them.

When I push: the result is **compression**.

When I pull: the result is **traction**.



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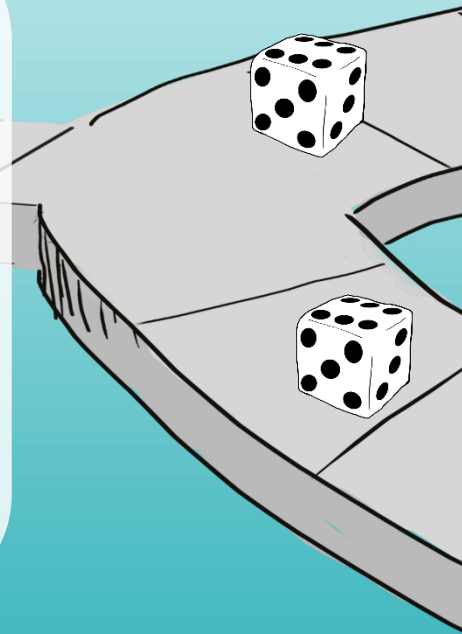
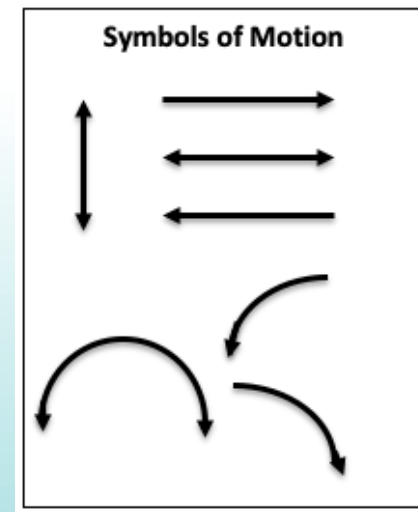
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Motion

A force applied creates a motion.

A force applied to the movable parts of a technical object can result in three different types of motion:

- rotation
- translation
- helical motion*



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Some Inspiration...

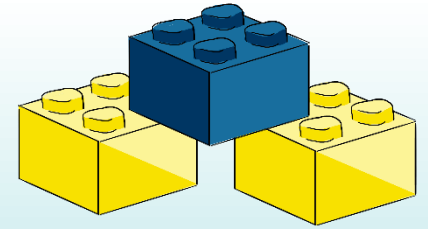
Decide which kind of motion the following objects represent: **translation** or **rotation**.

In your student handbook, draw an arrow that represents:

- where the force must be applied to displace the movable part;
- the resulting motion.



Push, Pull, Turn!



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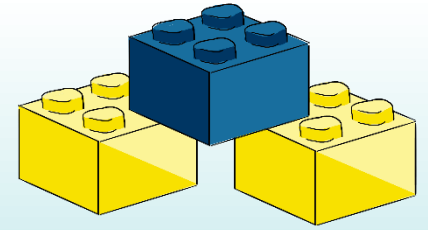


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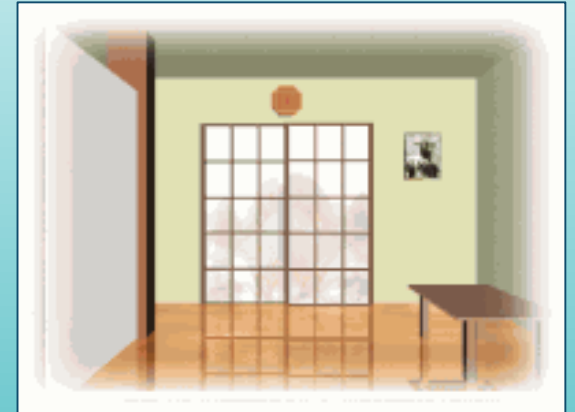
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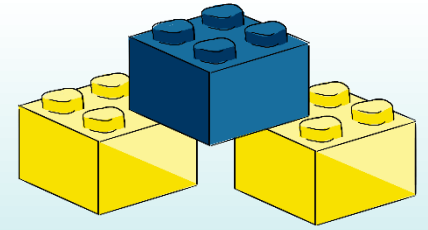
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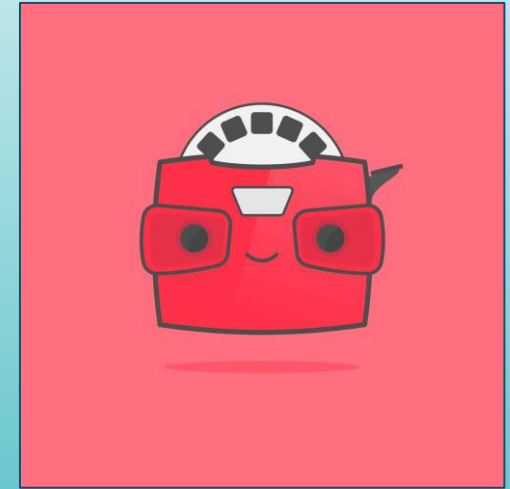
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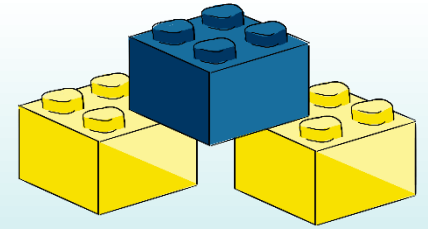


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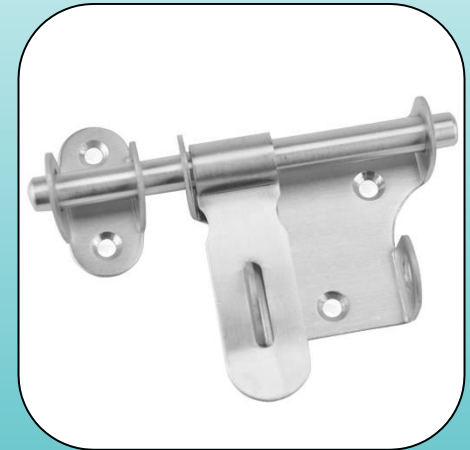
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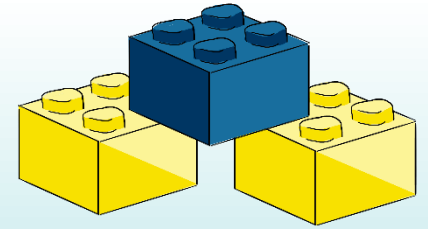


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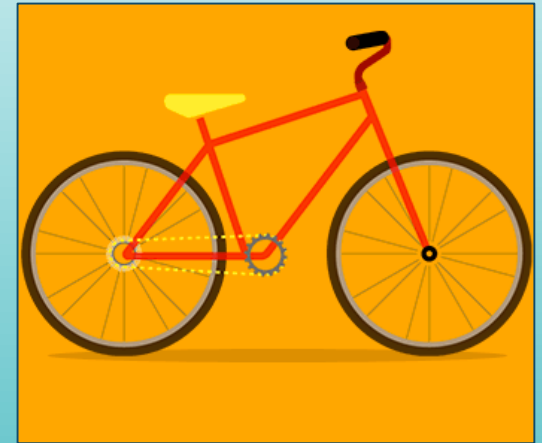
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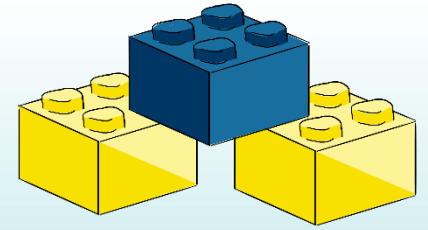


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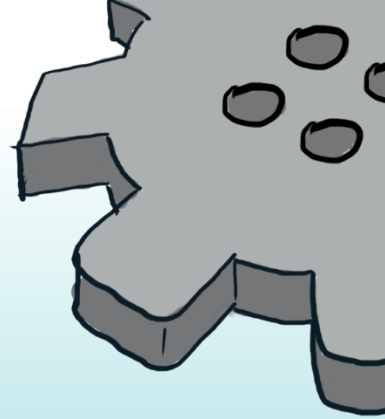
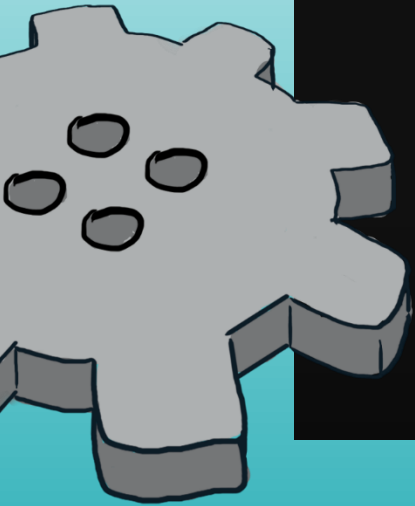
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Push, Pull, Turn!

Translation: With 4 popsicle sticks



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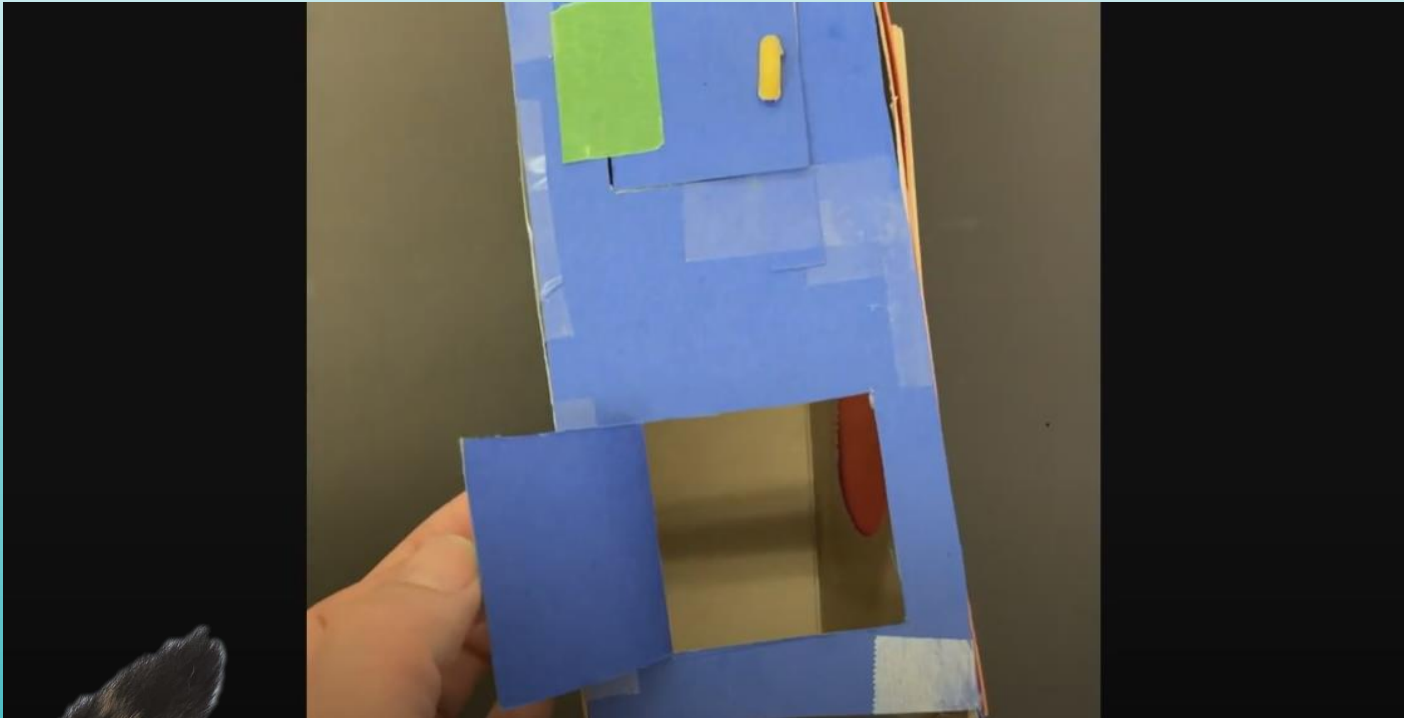


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Push, Pull, Turn!

Rotation : Three-sided cut-out (hinged door)



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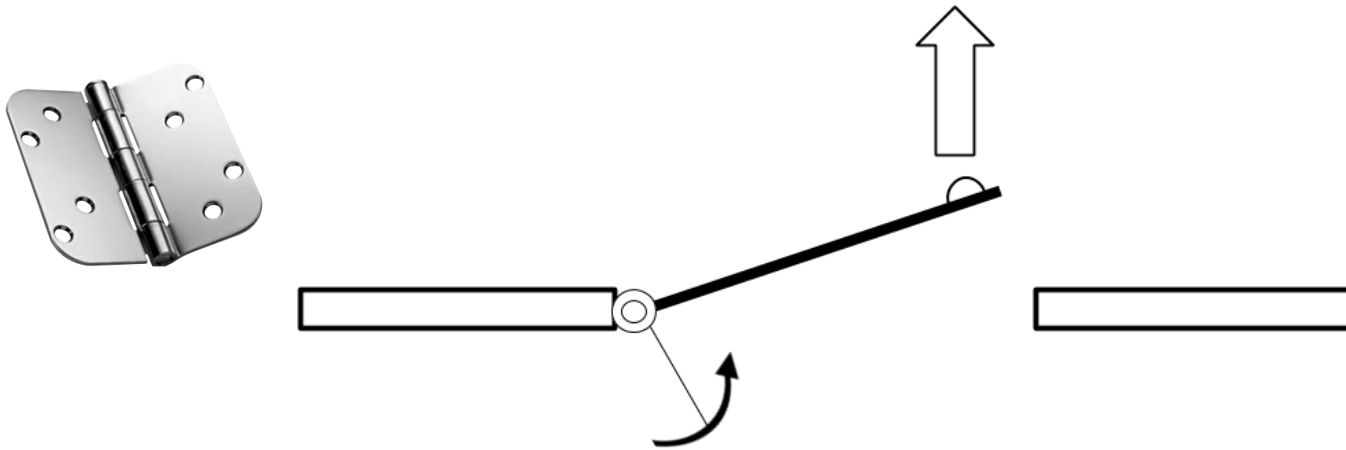


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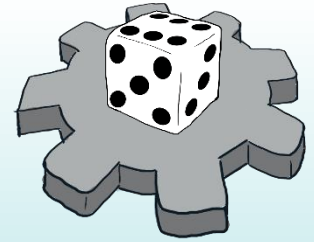


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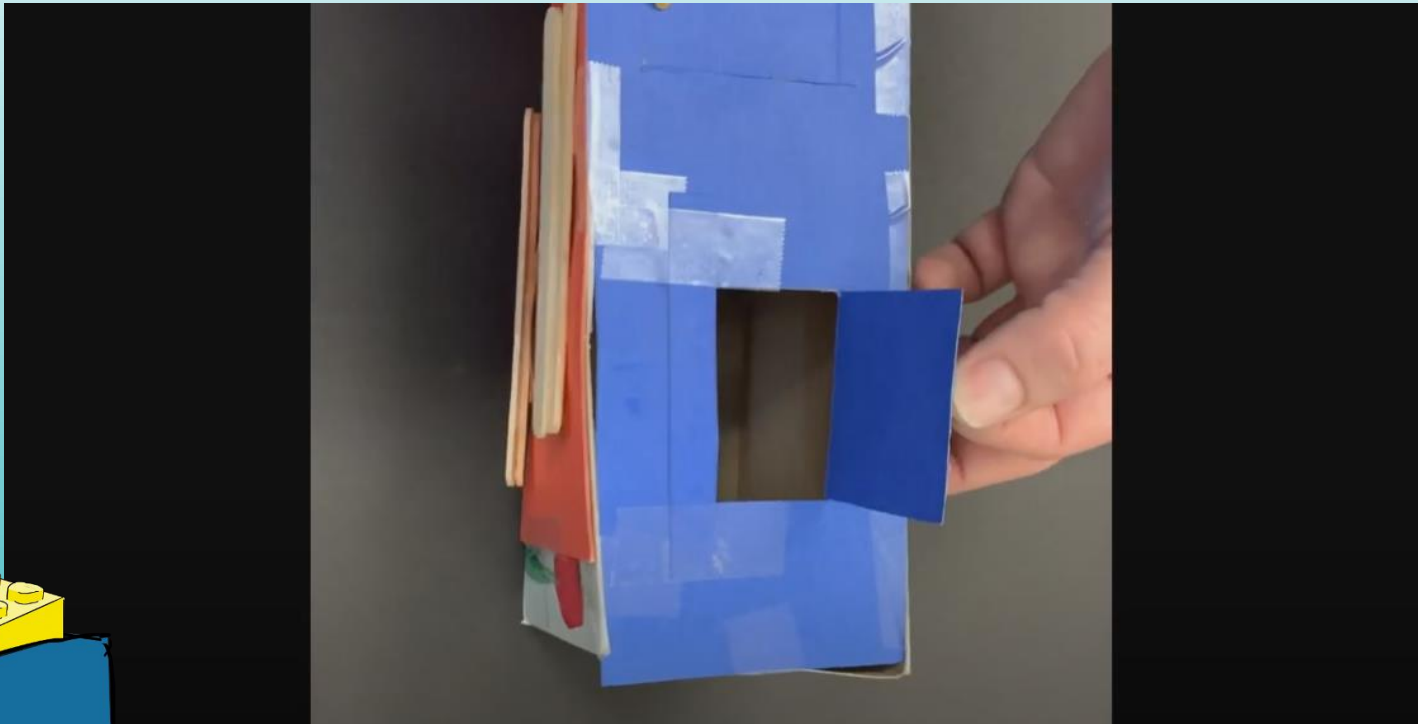


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Rotation : Four-sided cut-out (hinged door)

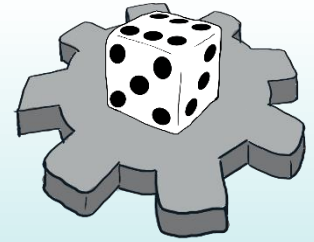


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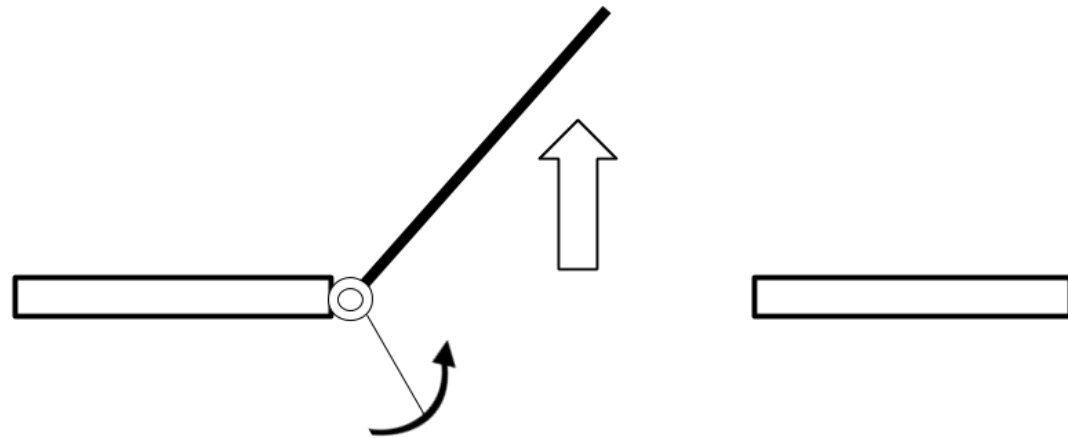
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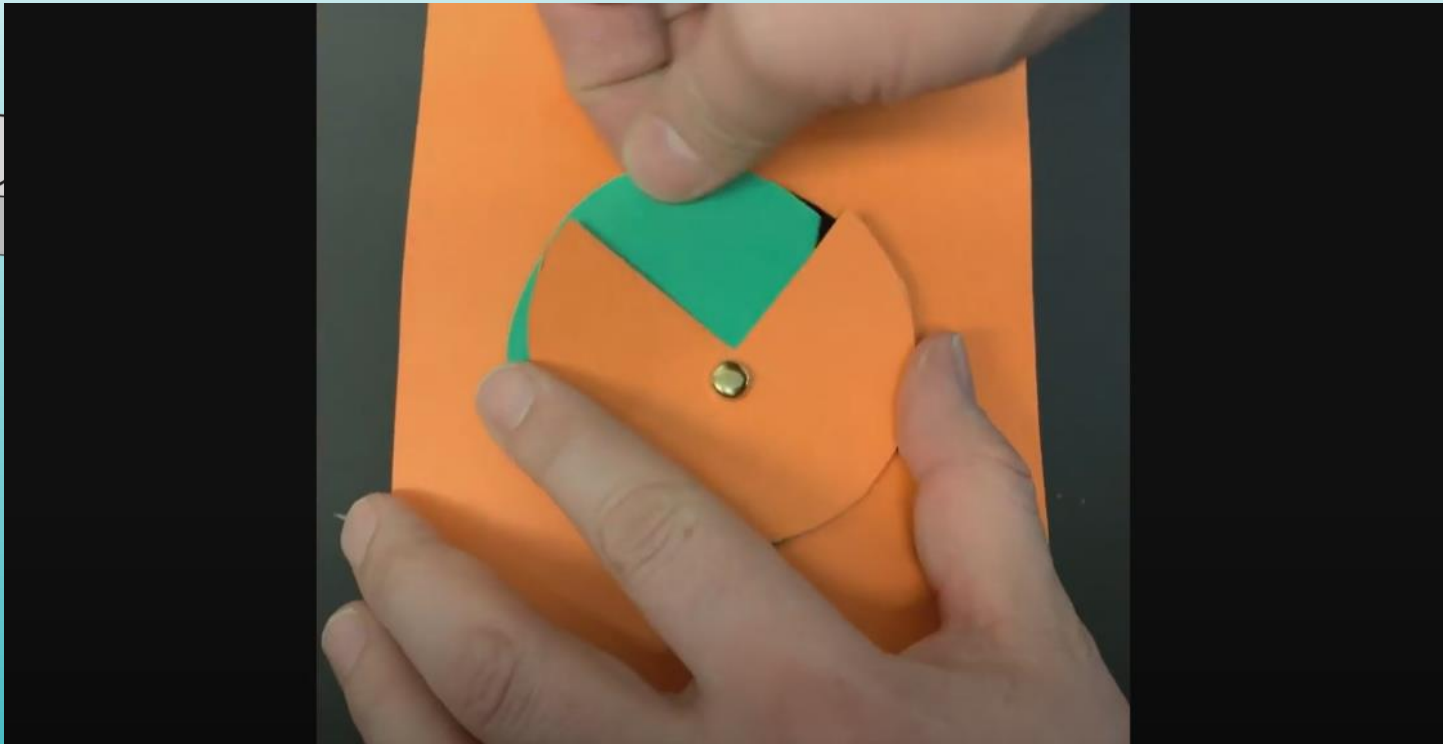


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Push, Pull, Turn!

Rotation: Circle with an opening (3/4)



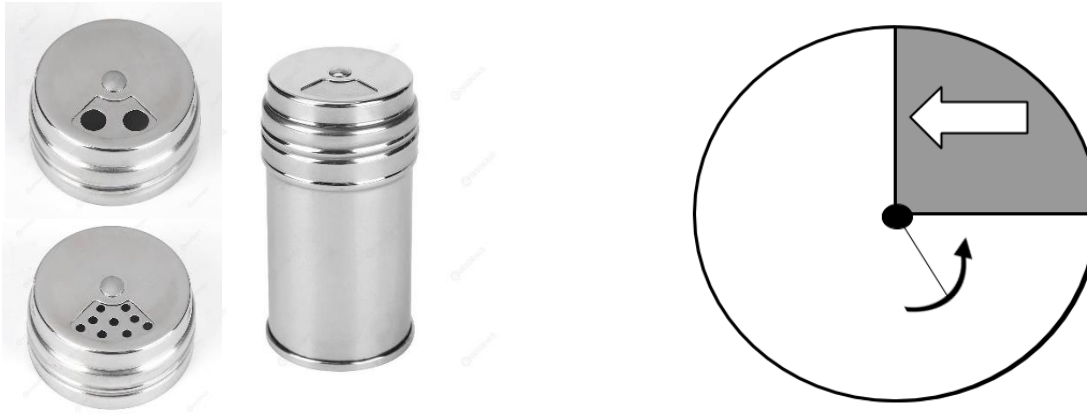
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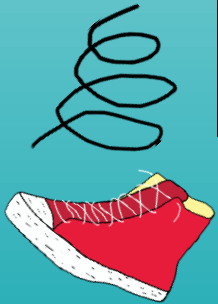
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Push, Pull, Turn!



Translation: Brochette sticks



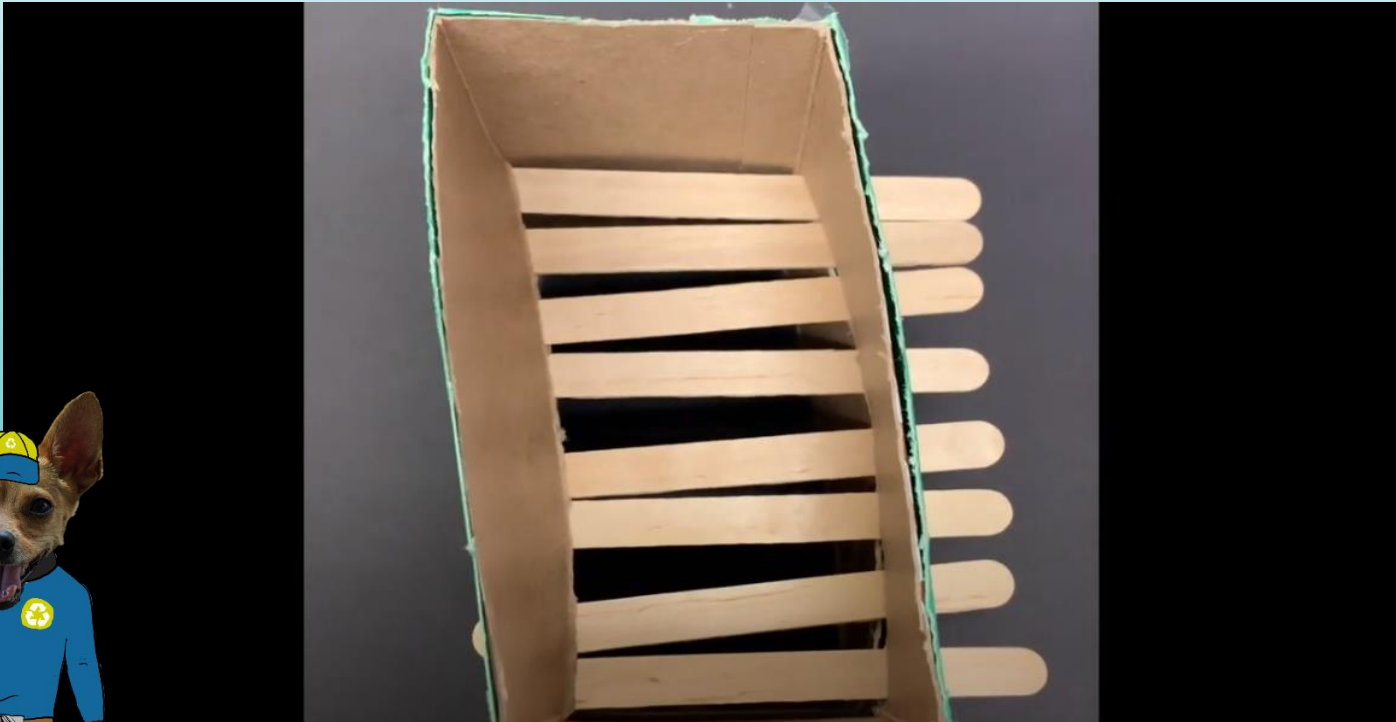
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Push, Pull, Turn!

Translation: Popsicle sticks



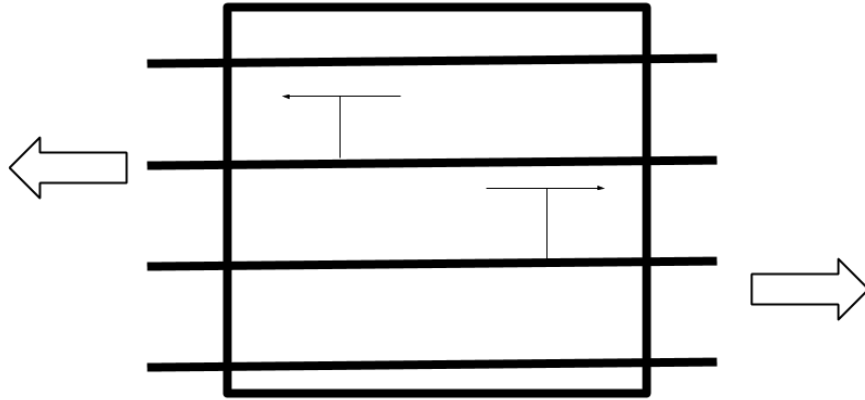
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Translation: *Brochette sticks or popsicle sticks*



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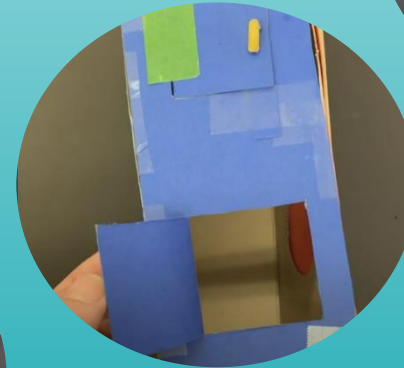
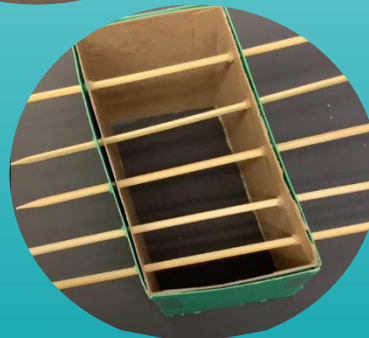
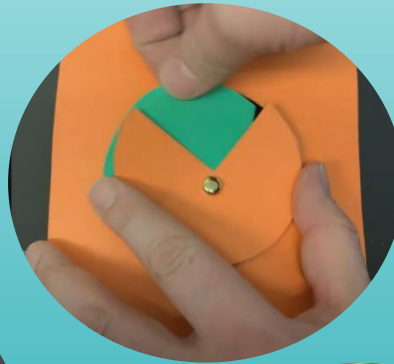
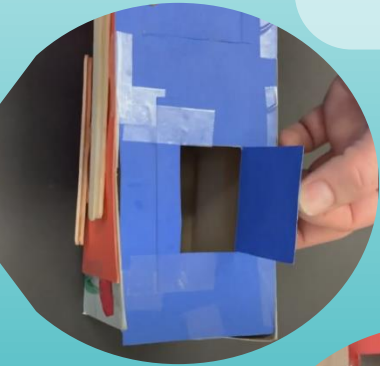
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What are the **advantages** and the **disadvantages** of each of the systems?



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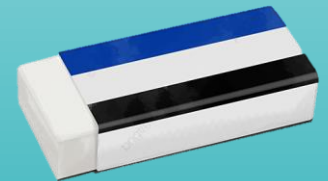
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The Laws of Attraction!

How will each object react to the magnet?

- Attract (A)
- Repel (R)
- No reaction (X)



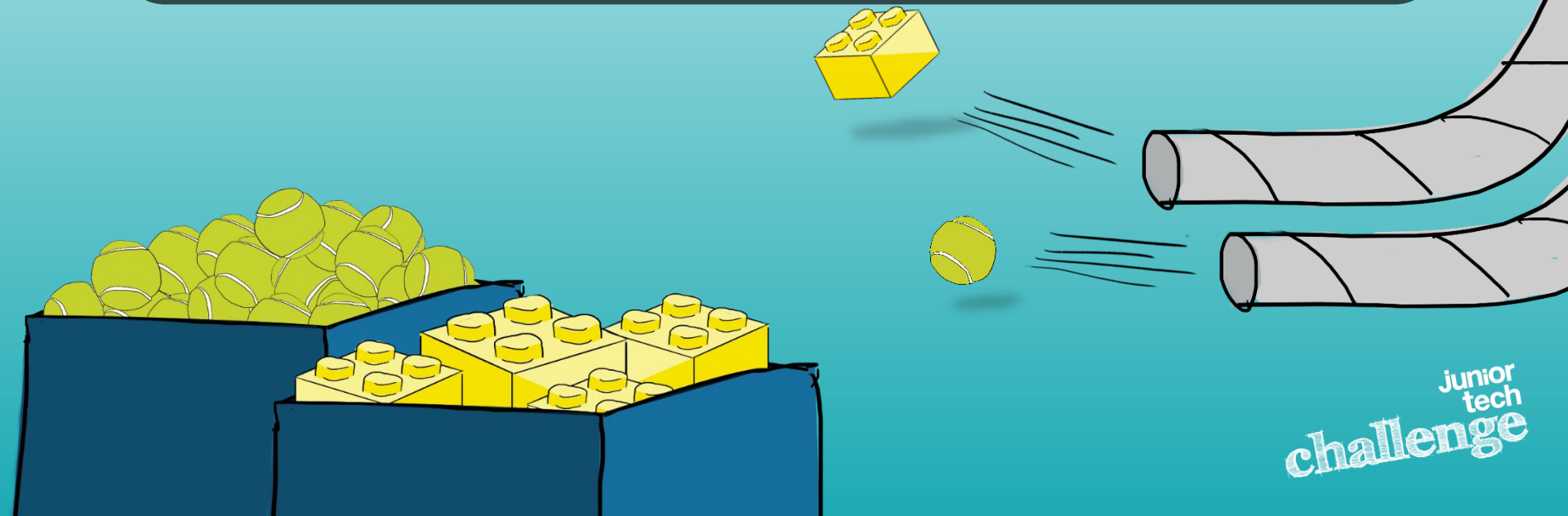
The background is a solid teal color. There are four stylized, hand-drawn clouds. One is in the top left, one is in the top center, one is in the bottom left, and a larger one is in the bottom right. The clouds are white with light blue shading and black outlines.

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By choosing materials from the list of permitted materials, design and produce a prototype that allows you to sort different types of objects and distribute them into assigned recovery containers.



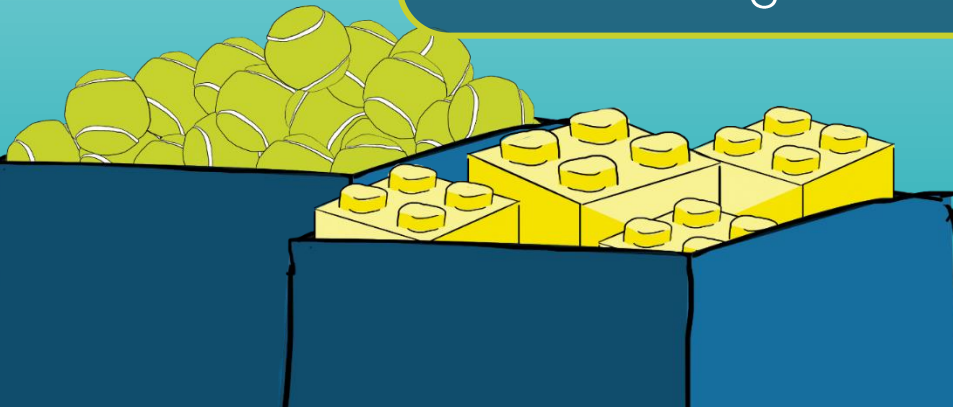
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Cycle 1

Sort three different types of objects and distribute them in at least two assigned recovery containers. One of the types of objects can remain in the sorter.

Cycles 2 & 3

Sort three different types of objects and distribute them into three assigned recovery containers.



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Each objet that is sorted correctly is worth 100 points.

Cycle 1

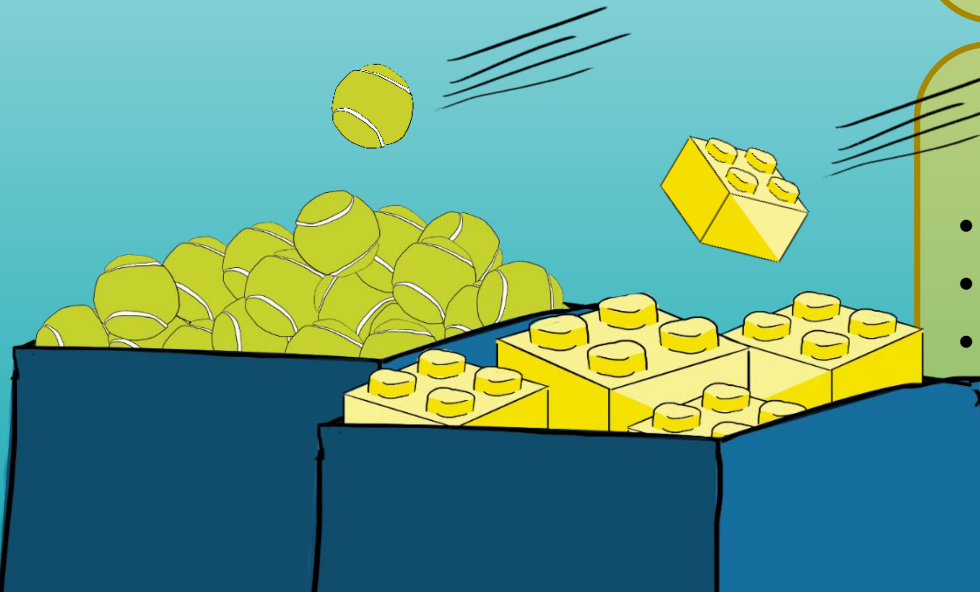
- 5 macaronis
- 5 marbles
- 5 ping pong balls

Cycle 2

- 5 marbles
- 5 centicubes
- 5 metal washers $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(12,7 mm inside diameter and
34,93 mm outside diameter)

Cycle 3

- 10 marbles
- 10 centicubes
- 10 metal washers $\frac{1}{2}$ "
(12,7 mm inside diameter and
34,93 mm outside diameter)



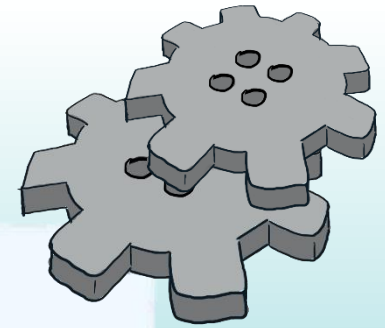
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Rules – Construction

- 1.** The sorter should fit into a cardboard box designed to hold 5,000 letter-sized sheets of paper.
- 2.** The sorter must be made solely of materials that are on the list of permitted materials (see next slide).
- 3.** The sorter must have an opening that allows the teacher to easily place the objects in it.
- 4.** The sorted objects must be distributed in the designated recovery containers. The team can place the containers in any order they want.

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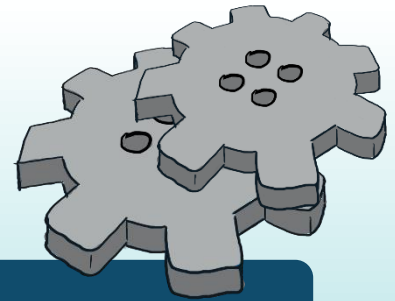
Materials to be Used for the Design of the Prototype

- Cardboard or a cardboard box (cardboard must be easily cut with scissors)
- Aluminium container or aluminium tray (any type)
- Paper (any type)
- Aluminium foil
- Popsicle sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Paper clips
- Thumbtacks
- Wooden sticks
- String
- Felt
- Rubber bands
- Paper fasteners
- Nails
- Magnets
- Sticky tack
- Adhesive tape (any type)
- Liquid glue, glue stick, hot glue

Any other material is prohibited!

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Rules – Schedule of events

- 1.** The competition consists of two identical rounds. The best of the two rounds will be selected for ranking. In the event of a tie, the other round will be counted as well.
- 2.** Each team must designate an operator to manipulate the sorter throughout the sorting process.
- 3.** Only the teacher places the objects in the sorter.
- 4.** The stopwatch starts when the teacher places the objects in the sorter at the location indicated by the student.

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Rules – Schedule of events

5. The stopwatch stops when the student announces that the sorting is complete.
6. During the sorting, it is forbidden to touch the objects to be sorted with your hands or with any other object.



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Scoring

The team's prototype must sort as many objects as possible in the shortest time possible.

$$\text{100 points per sorted item} - \text{Sorting time in seconds} = \text{Final score}$$



Objects outside the recovery container will not be counted.

An object that is found in the wrong recovery container will not be counted.



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