

Learning the Language

1. The **GRAVITY** force between your coaster and the earth pulls you down the roller coaster.
2. The greater a coaster's **WEIGHT** the stronger the tracks must be to support it.
3. You increase a coaster's **MASS** by adding more passengers.
4. A roller coaster peak is shaped in a curve called a **PARABOLA** so that you will feel like you are falling freely as you go over the top of the hill.
5. Roller coaster hills are shaped so that you will feel almost **WEIGHTLESS** as you ride over them.
6. You gain enough **MOMENTUM** falling down a roller coaster hill to keep you going all the way to the top of the next hill.
7. You feel **ACCELERATION** as you gain speed rolling down a roller coaster hill.
8. You feel **DECELERATION** as you lose speed climbing a roller coaster hill.
9. As your speed increases going down a roller coaster hill, you gain **KINETIC ENERGY**.
10. Your coaster has the most **POTENTIAL ENERGY** when it is at the highest point.
11. You feel a **FORCE** on your back as the coaster seat pushes against you.
12. Your body's **INERTIA** causes you to be slung forward when you stop suddenly at the end of a roller coaster ride.
13. Roller coaster tracks are tilted inward to give **CENTRIPETAL FORCE** which pushes the coaster toward the center of the curve.
14. The rubbing between coaster wheels and the track causes a **FRICTION** force which slows the coaster down.
15. Your **VELOCITY** increases as you roll down a roller coaster hill.

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1. As you roll over a peak, you rise off your seat and you feel _____.
2. The shape of a roller coaster hill is called a _____.
3. As you fall down a roller coaster hill, you _____.
4. The force of _____ pulls you down the roller coaster peaks.
5. The _____ force slows you down throughout your trip.
6. When you are the highest above the ground, you have the most _____.
7. When you are moving the fastest, you have the most _____.
8. Because of your speed at the bottom of the hill, you have enough _____ to climb to the top of the next hill.
9. An inward _____ is required to make you turn.
10. Your body has _____ and therefore, tries to move in a straight line when the roller coaster track turns.
11. An empty coaster and a loaded coaster will travel down a hill at the same speed. Therefore we can say a coaster's speed is not affected by its _____.

INERTIA

PARABOLA

MOMENTUM

WEIGHTLESS

POTENTIAL ENERGY

CENTRIPETAL FORCE

GRAVITY

ACCELERATE

MASS

FRICTION

KINETIC ENERGY

More Using the Language

1. The gravity pull between an object and the earth (or another large body) is called _____.
2. The amount of material a body contains is its _____.
3. A condition in which an object has no weight is called _____.
4. A curved path produced by a falling body is called a _____.
5. The force of attraction between all bodies in the universe is called _____.
6. The energy that an object has because of its position is called _____.
7. An increase in speed is called _____.
8. The energy that an object in motion has is called _____.
9. A decrease in speed is called _____.
10. A measure (mass * velocity) of the force of a moving object is its _____.
11. The tendency of an object to remain at rest or in motion unless acted upon by a force is called _____.
12. A push or pull is a _____.
13. A force pulling an object toward the center of its' circular path is called _____.
14. Resistance to motion due to one object rubbing against another object is called _____.
15. An object's speed in a given direction is called its _____.

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