

WORKSHEETS FOR PUPILS

Name of activity	Estimated time needed	Difficulty of activity	Age of children for whom the activity is suitable	Tools and used materials	Objective of activity
Comet	20 – 30 minutes	medium	14 – 15	encyclopaedia, atlas or internet, calculator, spreadsheet	concept of comet, tail, movement around the sun
Minor Planet Velocity	30 – 40 minutes	very hard	14 – 15	encyclopaedia, atlas or internet, calculator, spreadsheet	3. Kepler's law, unit conversions
Energy	20 – 30 minutes	medium	14 – 15	paper, computer, calculator	law of conservation of mechanical energy, kinetic and positional energy
Impact Craters	20 – 30 minutes	medium	14 – 15	metre ruler, calculator, spreadsheet, graph paper	work with map, kinetic energy, volume, weight, density
Gravitational Force	20 – 30 minutes	medium	14 – 15	calculator, spreadsheet, graph paper	gravitational force, sphere volume, unit conversions

Worksheet 5: GRAVITATIONAL FORCE

Practical Exercise: Calculate the magnitude of the gravitational force between two grains, which are perfect spheres with a radius of 0.1 m and a density of $1,300 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$, located at a distance of 1 m from each other.

Practical Exercise: Now, imagine that one grain is 10 meters in size and the grains are 1000 meters apart. Calculate the magnitude of the gravitational force between the grains.

Practical Exercise: What would be the magnitude of the gravitational force if one grain had a diameter of 10 km, the other 0.1 meters and they were 15 km apart?