



All forces have a size and act in one direction.

We use arrows to show the forces acting on an object.

- The direction of each arrow shows the direction of each force.
- The size (or length) of the arrow shows the size (or strength) of the force.

upwards force from forcemeter

weight of tennis ball



If an object is not moving, the forces acting must be balanced.

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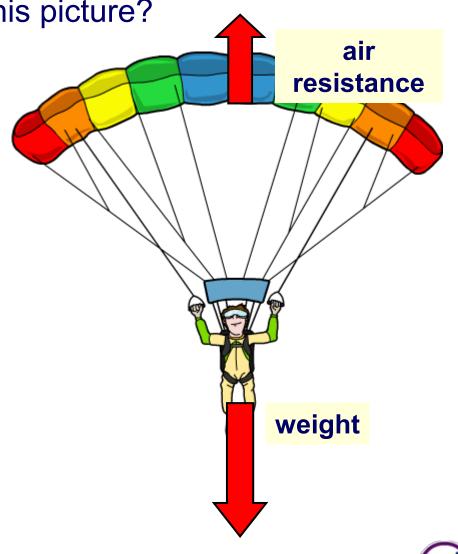




How are the forces acting in this picture?

Are they balanced?

As this skydiver falls toward the Earth, air resistance pushes in the opposite direction to his weight and slows his fall.





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