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# Duck Racer

**Directions** - Answer questions, move to next step.

1. **Identify the Problem:** How do different surfaces affect the movement of the duck racer?
2. **Conduct Research:** What have you learned about friction?  
Write down two facts you know or two facts you have learned.

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3. **Develop a hypothesis** - Make an educated guess and write it in the space below:  
(example: The duck racer will travel farther on paper than on the carpet)

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4. **Conduct the experiment.**

*Materials needed:* Two rulers with ridge in center, four clothes pins, one marble, one piece waxed paper, one piece regular paper, one piece sand paper, one piece aluminum foil, one duck racer and pencil to record results.

**Step one:** create a ramp with a ruler or you can use books, be creative



**Step two:** place one surface at bottom the ramp

**Step three:** roll marble down ramp into duck racer, measure distance duck racer moves

**Step four:** repeat step three, three times for each surface and calculate average distance the duck racer travelled.

Remember to write down results in the data table. This is **collecting data or recording observations.**

| DATA COLLECTION TABLE |                        |                  |                  |                  |                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Surface               | Prediction Of Distance | Trial 1 Distance | Trial 2 Distance | Trial 3 Distance | Total Distance For 3 Trials |
| Foil                  |                        |                  |                  |                  |                             |
| Waxed Paper           |                        |                  |                  |                  |                             |
| Sand Paper            |                        |                  |                  |                  |                             |
| Regular Paper         |                        |                  |                  |                  |                             |
| Other Surface         |                        |                  |                  |                  |                             |

**Draw Conclusions:**

5. A) Which surface allowed the duck racer to travel the farthest?

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B) Which surface allowed the duck racer to travel the least distance?

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C) Why do you think there was a difference?

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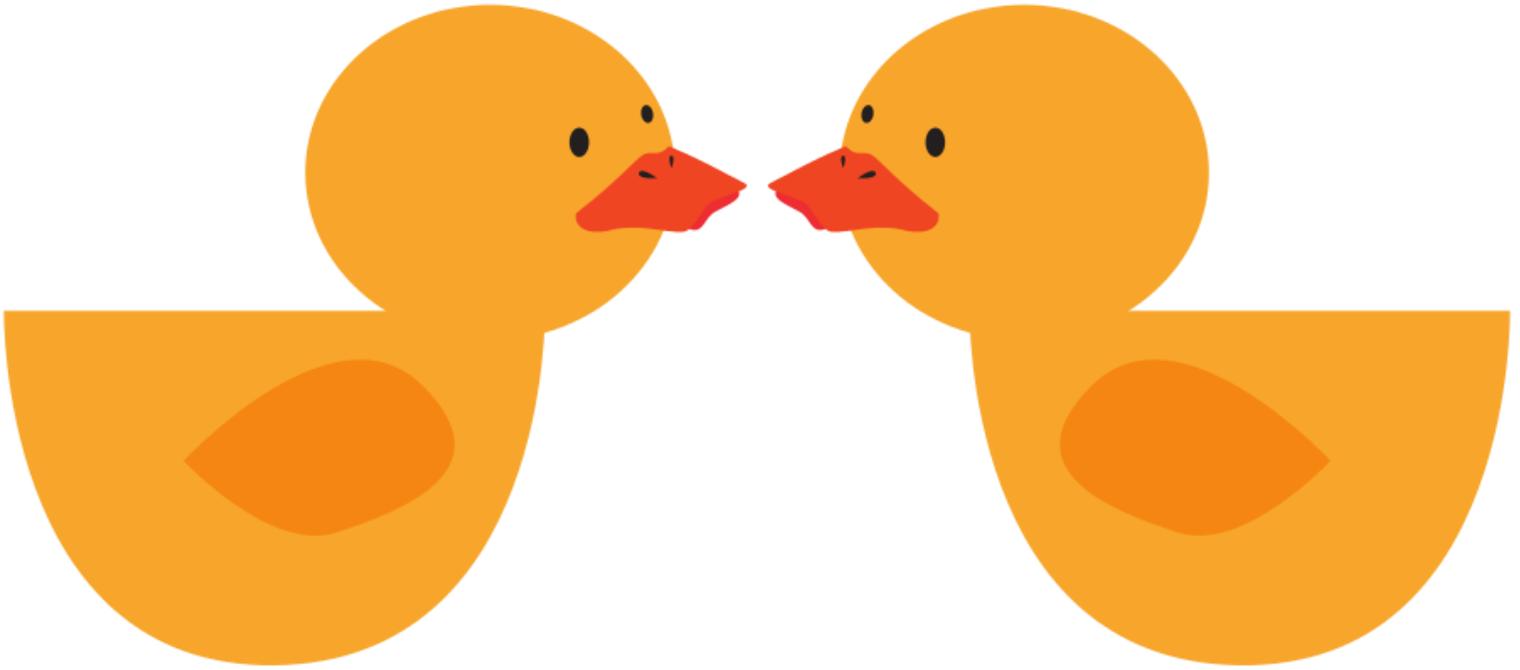
D) Provide the definition of friction you found in the dictionary or by looking it up.

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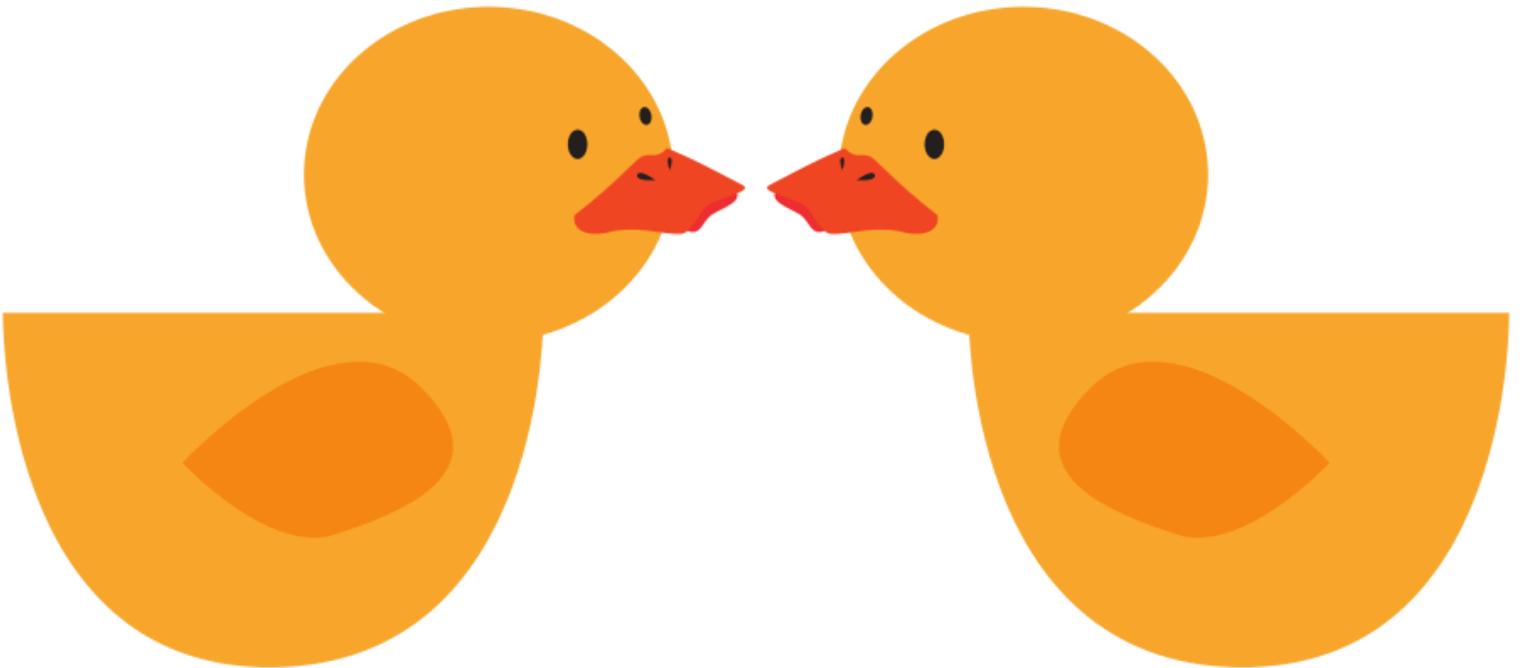
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