



## Engage: Prior Knowledge Activity

*Force Module*

This activity provides students with the opportunity to activate prior knowledge of force by working individually to respond to writing prompts.

This offline prior knowledge activity can be completed after the online Engage.

**Objective:** Students will record and communicate prior knowledge of force.

**Estimated time for activity:** 10 minutes

**Materials:**

- Journal prompts
- Printable Notebook template or online Notebook

**Procedure:**

1. Write or project journal prompts on front board of classroom.
2. Direct students to respond to a designated number of prompts using words or pictures on the printable Notebook template attached at the end of this document or in their online Science4Us digital Notebook.

**Accommodations:**

If students have difficulty responding to the prompts, a variety of accommodations can be employed.

- The teacher can conduct the activity as a whole group and record student answers on chart paper.
- The activity can be completed at a center with an aide or with the teacher.
- The activity can be completed with a science buddy from an older grade.
- The activity can be completed with a peer buddy or in small groups.



**Open-ended Journaling Topics**  
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I wonder why...

I think I will learn about...

I really want to know...

This makes me think about...



Four sets of primary-ruled lines for writing, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.