

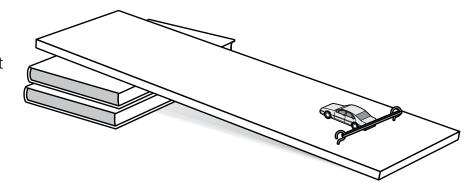
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Based on pages 12 and 13 of Springs and magnets

The car catapult

Try this...

1. Set up the car catapult as shown in the diagram.



- **2.** What do you think will happen to the car if you pull the elastic band back a short way and then let go?
- **3.** Test your prediction. What did you find?
- **4.** What do you think will happen to the car if you pull the elastic band back a long way and then let go?
- 5. Test your prediction. What did you find?
- **6.** Write up a plan to test for a pattern between the stretch of the elastic band and the distance the car travelled?

- **7.** On a separate piece of paper, draw a table in which to record your results.
- **8.** Show your teacher your plan and table. If your teacher approves, try your test.