

Progression toolkit: Changing momentum

Learning focus	In a collision (or any closed system), momentum is conserved and the size of the forces are equal to the rate of change of momentum.				
As students' conceptual understanding progresses they can:	Calculate momentum using p = m x v.	Describe what happens to the motion of objects colliding head on.	Determine changes in momentum, Δp.	Explain and use the relationship between force, change in momentum and time the force is acting.	Apply an understanding of F=Δp/Δt to explain how forces and momentum can be controlled.
Diagnostic questions	Gaining momentum	Rugby tackle	Bouncing	Stop that!	- Follow through
	Gaining momentum	Boom!	Bouncing	Wet sand	Tollow through
Response activities	Crash test		Wall game	Crumple zones	

Key:

Prior understanding from earlier stages of learning

B Bridge to later stages of learning



