The Laws of Motion

N	ew	ton's	First	Law

A. Identifying Forces

Lesson Outline

1. To understand the motion of an object, you need to understand the

_____ acting on it.

- 2. When two or more forces act on an object, the forces _____.
 - **a.** The combination of all the forces that act on an object is the _____.
 - **b.** When the forces applied to an object act in the same direction, the net force is the ______ of the individual forces.
 - c. Because forces have direction as well as strength, when you combine forces, you also have to specify a(n) ______.
 - **d.** When you combine forces in two opposite directions, one force is

_____ and the other force is _____.

- e. When the forces applied to an object act in exact opposite directions, the net force is the ______ of the individual positive and negative forces.
- **3.** Forces that combine and form a net force of zero are _____
 - **a.** Balanced forces have no effect on the ______ of an object.
 - **b.** Forces that combine and form a net force that is not zero are _____.
- **B.** Newton's First Law of Motion
 - **1.** According to ______, if the net force on an object is zero, the motion of the object does not change.
 - 2. When _______ forces act on an object, the object's velocity does not change.
 - **3.** If unbalanced forces act on an object at rest, the object will

start _____.

- 4. If unbalanced forces act on a moving object, the object will change
 - its _____.

Lesson Outline continued

5. The tendency of an object to resist a change in its motion is called _____.

C. Why do objects stop moving?

- **1.** A book sitting on a table stays in place because of ______.
- 2. If you want to make the book move, you have to push the book hard enough to overcome the ______ between the book and the table.
- **3.** On Earth, ______ can be reduced, but it never goes away completely.
- **4.** On Earth, to keep an object in motion, a(n) ______ that balances friction must be applied continuously to it.