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Freefall Lab

Question: Can you describe the type of motion that a free falling object has?

Hypothesis:

Procedures:

Equipment:

Data:

Height (m)	V_0	$a = \Delta v / \Delta t$ (m/s ²)
	0	
	0	
	0	
	0	
	0	
	≠0	
	≠0	
	≠0	
	≠0	
	≠0	

AVERAGE: _____



Analysis:

- If you just “drop” or release the object, what can you assume about its initial position (Y_0) and initial velocity (v_0)?
- Re-write the equations if both values above were zero
- What did you observe about the acceleration when initial velocity was zero?
- Look at your data, what difference did it make to the acceleration if the initial velocity was not zero?
- What is the connection between a falling object’s acceleration and gravity?
- Explain what you think would happen if you did this experiment on the moon?
- Explain what you think would happen if you did this experiment on the space station?