

Four Forces of Flight

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DIRECTIONS:

Study the diagram below. Then answer the questions following.

4 Forces of Flight Force is the power to put something in motion.	1	LIFT is the force that brings forth power to raise an object.	
THRUST is the force that moves objects forward.		>	DRAG is the power that works against a motion like a brake or a boat anchor.
		GRAVITY is the force object to the earth.	that pulls an

1. What two forces are needed to work against gravity and drag in order for	a plane to fly?
2. In order for a plane to fly what force needs to be greater than the force of	gravity?
3. Give an example of how drag can be reduced.	
4. For a plane to fly from one location to another the force of thrust must be greater than or less than the force of drag?	

Your Own Flying Machine

On a separate piece of paper design your own "flying machine." Keep in mind the four forces of flight: gravity, lift, thrust, and drag. Use your imagination. Underneath your drawing, write one paragraph explaining the parts of your design that will help create lift, thrust, and minimize drag and the effects of gravity.

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	thrust	lift	drag	gravity	
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to use a	II four terms i	in your des	cription		

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