

Decodable Texts: R-Controlled (er)

"This nonfiction story teaches about force. Look for 'or' pattern words like 'force,' 'door,' and 'short' as you explore how things move!"



What Is Force?

A force is a push or pull that makes something move.

You use force to open a door, toss a ball, or turn a knob.

Some forces are strong, like a horse pulling a cart.

Others are short and soft, like a breeze through the porch.

Gravity is a kind of force that pulls things toward Earth.

Friction is another force that slows things down.

Forces are part of motion all around us!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

force

short

porch

horse

toward



Name: _____

What Is Force?

1. What is a force?

- A. A kind of shape
- B. A sound in space
- C. A push or pull
- D. A color of light

2. What does gravity do?

- A. Pushes things away
- B. Pulls things toward Earth
- C. Makes noise
- D. Changes color

3. Fill in the blank:

Some forces are strong, like a _____ pulling a cart.

4. What are some examples of force that you use every day?

5. How do gravity and friction help or change movement?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: or R-Controlled Vowel

Genre: Nonfiction – Physical Science / Forces & Motion

High-Frequency Words: that, some, are, part, things

Before Reading

1. This story includes “or” pattern words like *force*, *door*, *porch*, *short*, and *toward*.
 2. Have you ever pushed or pulled something heavy or light?
 3. What helps things move or stop?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Tap and blend or words like *force*, *door*, *horse*, *porch*, and *toward*.
 2. Watch for or words that describe action and motion
 3. What are two kinds of force mentioned in the story?
 4. Read the final line like a big science idea that applies to everything around you
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After Reading

1. Retell what a force is and list some kinds of force
 2. How do you use force without even thinking about it?
 3. What’s one science experiment you’d like to try using force?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six “or” words in the passage
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with bold and strong voice—like a science leader teaching about motion!
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Activity Idea

Draw examples of push and pull forces: a kid opening a door, a horse pulling a cart, a ball rolling to a stop. Label parts using or words like *force*, *door*, *horse*, *porch*, or *short*. Write one sentence about how force is used in your day.

Coaching Tip

Science and phonics build power together—help students apply decoding as they explore how the world works.

