

Low-Cost Experiments in STEM Education



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Wind it Up!

Using toys as a medium to develop STEM skills at all levels



Same Experiment. Different Levels. Equal Fun!

Turns	Time taken for toy to stop (s)
1	
2	
3	

Turns	Time taken for toy to stop (s)			
	1 st try	2 nd try	3 rd try	Average
0.50				
1.00				
1.50				
2.00				
2.50				
3.00				

Turns	Time taken for toy to stop (s)							
	1 st try	2 nd try	3 rd try	4 th try	5 th try	Random Uncertainty	Reading Uncertainty	Average +/- % Uncertainty
0.25								
0.50								
0.75								
1.00								
1.25								
1.50								
1.75								
2.00								
2.25								
2.50								
2.75								
3.00								



Conclusion: A fantastic vehicle for building critical thinking skills, creating links between primary and secondary schools, and fun-sizing science numeracy and literacy!

