## Lesson 2a - Moments and Balance

Physics-KS3

Forces In Action

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## Clockwise

## Anticlockwise



## Clockwise moment



## Clockwise Moment



## Anticlockwise moment




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## Summary

Moments can be clockwise or anticlockwise

- Clockwise moments cause a rotation in the same direction of a clock hand

- Anticlockwise moments cause a rotation in the opposite direction of a clock hand



## Which Direction will an object rotate because of a clockwise moment?

Option 1
Same as a clock hand

## Option 3

Opposite to a clock hand

## Option 2

Up

Option 4
Down

# Which Direction will an object rotate because of an anticlockwise moment? 

Option 1
Same as a clock hand

Option 3
Opposite to a clock hand

## Option 2

Up

Option 4
Down

## Reminder: Calculating Moments

| Moment $=$ | Force $\times$ | Perpendicular distance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(\mathrm{Nm})$ | $(\mathrm{N})$ | $(\mathrm{m})$ |
| $(\mathrm{Ncm})$ |  | $(\mathrm{cm})$ |

Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment

## For an object to be balanced:

## Option 1

Left side moment $=$ Right side moment

## Option 3

Clockwise moment $=$ Anticlockwise moment

## Option 2

Clockwise moment is larger than anticlockwise moment

## Option 4

There are no forces on the object


## Is this crane balanced?

Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment


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Clockwise moment $=$ Force $\times$ perpendicular distance

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\begin{aligned}
& =200 \times 5 \\
& =1000 \mathrm{Nm}
\end{aligned}
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Anticlockwise moment $=1000 \mathrm{Nm} \quad$ Clockwise moment $=1000 \mathrm{Nm}$
Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment

## Balanced!



## Your Turn: Is this crane balanced?

Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment

## Balance and Moments

See video for diagram

The seesaw is balanced.
What is the moment of child A?

## Balance and Moments

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To be balanced, moment of child $A=$ moment of child $B$
Moment of child $\mathrm{B}=$ Force $\times$ perpendicular distance
Moment of child $B=280 \times 90$
Moment of child $B=25200$ Ncm -> Moment of Child $A=25200$ Ncm

## Your Turn: Balance and Moments

See video for diagram

The seesaw is balanced.
What is the moment of child A?

## More Practice

## Question 1: Is the bar balanced? <br>  <br> 6 m <br> 200 N <br> 100 N

Question 2: Is the bar balanced?


## Question 3: Is the bar balanced?



## Question 4: Is the bar balanced?



Question 5: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?


## Question 6: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?



## Question 7: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?



Question 8: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?


## Answers

## Question 1: Is the bar balanced?



100 N

## Question 2: Is the bar balanced?




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200 \mathrm{~N}
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## Question 3: Is the bar balanced?



## Question 4: Is the bar balanced?



## Question 5: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?



## Question 6: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?



## Question 7: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?



Question 8: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?


Clockwise moment $=$ force a distance $=50 \times 1+100 \times 5=550 \mathrm{Nm}$
So Anticlockwise moment $=550 \mathrm{Nm}$ as well


[^0]:    Anticlockwise moment $=$ Force $\times$ perpendicular distance

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    =500 \times 2
    $$

    $$
    =1000 \mathrm{Nm}
    $$

