## Free Fall



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What is Free Fall?

Acceleration due to Gravity

## What if you drop something?

What do you know?

| $s$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $u$ |  |
| $v$ |  |
| $a$ |  |
| $t$ |  |

## What if you throw something up?



## What if you throw something down?



## Reminder of our Equations

| Units | $m$ | $m s^{-1}$ | $\mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | $m s^{-2}$ | $s$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $v=u+a t$ |  | $u$ | $v$ | $a$ | $t$ |
| $s=u t+\frac{1}{2} a t^{2}$ | $s$ | $u$ |  | $a$ | $t$ |
| $v^{2}=u^{2}+2 a s$ | $s$ | $u$ | $v$ | $a$ |  |
| $s=\frac{(v+u) t}{2}$ | $s$ | $u$ | $v$ |  | $t$ |

## Dropping a marble

If you drop a marble off of the Empire
State Building (~380 m), how fast will it be going once it reaches the ground?

| $S$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $u$ |  |
| $v$ |  |
| $a$ |  |
| $t$ |  |

## Shooting a Basket

What is the vertical velocity of a basketball required to reach the rim of the basketball hoop?
( $\sim 3.0 \mathrm{~m}$ high)

| $S$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $u$ |  |
| $v$ |  |
| $a$ |  |
| $t$ |  |

## Flipping a Coin

You flip a coin and catch it. It is in the air for a total of 0.6 seconds. How high did it go?

| $s$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $u$ |  |
| $v$ |  |
| $a$ |  |
| $t$ |  |

## Lesson Takeaways

$\square$ I can identify the constant acceleration due to gravity neglecting air resistance
$\square$ I can interpret a free fall problem to identify hidden values and understand when to look at only half of the problem
$\square$ I can use the kinematic equations to solve a free fall problems

